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"FLORODORA" GIRL UNDER CROSS-EXAMINATION

NAN PATTERSON ON WITNESS STAND

Questioned by Lawyer Levy.

"DID YOU OR DID YOU NOT SHOOT 'CAESAR' YOUNG, NAN?"

"I DID NOT. I WOULD GIVE MY OWN LIFE TO BRING HIM BACK IF IT WERE IN MY POWER," SHE ANSWERED.

NAN PATTERSON ON WITNESS STAND TO-DAY REHEARSES TRAGEDY

Pale and Nervous as She Took the "Torture Seat" To-day to Undergo Ordeal of Prosecutor Rand's Searching Analysis of Her Relation to the Death of "Caesar" Young—Big Crowd Present.

By Boston American Leased Wire.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—Nan Patterson, the pretty "Florodora" girl charged with the murder of "Caesar" Young, was called to the witness stand in Judge Davis's court to-day for cross-examination by Assistant District Attorney Rand.

Shrinking from the ordeal which she feared, the former actress was pale and nervous when she took the "torture seat." Up to that time she had appeared cheerful, smiling at her father and beaming on her lawyer. Evidently she was conscious that in her direct testimony she had made a favorable impression.

There was not much in the preliminaries of the crossexamination, however, to justify her evident apprehension. Mr. Rand took her over the same ground covered by Attorney Levy in the direct examination yesterday. On a few minor points Mr. Rand brought out facts that were not made clear before.

Tells Again of Death Love.

These, however, were not greatly material. Up to noon he had elicited little that would throw additional light on the tragedy, notwithstanding his declaration before court opened:

"I intend to find out in detail just what actually did happen in the cab on the day of the shooting.'"

Nan Patterson has staked her life upon the story she is now telling under cross-examination. Her acquittal or conviction hangs upon her story. Weak points and flaws will be probed and searched for by the prosecutor and laid open for inspection.

"Nan Patterson to the bar," called Clerk Penny, and the spectators hummed and buzzed in a flutter of excitement. The girl was pale and nervous and her gaze shifted nervously from her father to her counsel. She walked quietly to the chair and sat down, but did not remove her hat, as she did yesterday afternoon.

"Are you an actress by occupation?" Mr. Rand began.

"Yes."

"Are you a wife?"

"No."

"Are you a mother?"

"I am not.

Met Young in 1902.

Miss Patterson said that she met Young in July, 1902, while en route to San Francisco. She said she was with him for three months after that.

"Did you stop anywhere en route?"

"No, we might have stopped ten or fifteen minutes at Omaha."

"Do you recall going to San Francisco about March 1 of this year?"

"Yes, we went together to Los Angeles."

Miss Patterson said that Young gave her $2,800, out in San Francisco, to leave him for two weeks. She said after two weeks she returned again to the West and later followed Young East. She said she went to Washington and then came to New York to the Navarre Hotel. Her sisters, May Queen and Mrs. J. Morgan Smith, were with her during her stay at the hotel.

Came to New York.

"When was it you came to New York on this visit?"

"May 2."

"Mrs. Smith called on you on the evening of May 3?"

"Yes."

"Well, is it not a fact that during the evening she fell at full length on the floor?"

"Yes, she was unconscious."

"And the cause of her condition was that Morgan Smith was sick?"

"He was not sick but had been drinking."

"Drunk enough to make her faint?"

"Yes."

Miss Patterson said that Smith was drunk and that his jaws became locked and that caused his wife to faint. Witness said that she and Young left the hotel.

Wanted Her to Stay.

Miss Patterson said that she left the Navarre Hotel and went to the Rossmore Hotel, but left there after one day. Witness said that before the talk with McKean, Young had told her that she must tell him that she was going away, though she must not do so.

Miss Patterson said that when she and Young went to the Wellington hotel he registered as "Caesar Young and wife." Witness said that Young took her to the Imperial Hotel in this city, but he did not register. She said Young was not with her during this period.

"When was it that you went to live with your brother-in-law and sister at the St. Paul?"

"It was late in May."

"Why did you leave the Imperial."

"Some one told who I was."

"Then you were put out."

"Yes. Millin told who I was."

"What is J. Morgan Smith's business?"

"He was in the insurance business.'

"Well, you said yesterday that Smith was at the race track every afternoon. Did

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ORGANIZE TO FIGHT FOR 80-CENT GAS

Prominent workers for good government and the rights of the people, representing nearly all the improvement and citizens' associations of Boston, have met and organized a central committee to work for eighty-cent gas.

Plans were made for a campaign of education and agitation that the people of Boston, irrespective of party politics, may thoroughly understand the question of gas reduction and may unitedly indicate their will to the Gas Commissioners, the high officials of the State, and to members of the incoming Legislature who will have before them a bill for the repeal of the pernicious gas consolidation act of 1903.

The formation of this committee was an outcome of the mass meeting to discuss the subject of eighty-cent gas held at Faneuil Hall several weeks ago. At that time a representative of one of the large improvement societies of Boston offered a resolution that the chairman of the meeting, Representative John A. Coulthurst, appoint a committee, consisting of one representative of each improvement and citizens' society in the city, to take under its control the work of properly bringing the need of concerted effort before the great mass of the public. It was carried.

Representative Coulthurst notified each of the societies of this action and asked for nominations for members of the committee. These were furnished him and he issued a call to the men named by the organizations for the meeting. With a few exceptions all were able to attend.

These Were Present.

There were present Representative John A. Coulthurst, Dr. J. E. Walsh, representing the New Codman Club, of Dorchester; John H. Means, of the South Boston Citizens' Association; Charles W. Pierce, of the Brighton Improvement Association; Charles C. Delappe, of the Harrison Square Improvement Association; Richard H. Robinson, of the Germantown Citizens' Association; William Hoag, of the Dorchester Improvement Council; C. L. Cooley, of the Savin Hill Improvement Association; Henry B. Sprague, of the Mattapan Improvement Association; Charles S. Schwaar, of the East Boston Citizens' Trade Association; O. W. Rice and James M. Ginty, of the Charlestown Improvement Association; James E. Coyle, of the Ashmont Improvement Association; Colonel Thomas F. Doherty, of the Harvard Improvement Association; Representative A. N. Locklin, of the Dorchester Lower Mills Improvement Association; Meyer Bloomfield, of the North End Improvement Association; Jean P. Nickerson, of the Mount Hope Citizens' Association, and several others.

The meeting organized with the choice of Representative Coulthurst as chairman and Jean P. Nickerson as secretary.

Every member present expressed his opinion on the question at issue and the necessity of concerted action on the part of the people of Boston, and each gave his views as to how the work of publicity should be carried out. The meeting was agreed that the public was united in desiring eighty-cent gas and in believing that the Gas Trust can afford to give it and still make a good profit on the capital stock of the constituent companies, and that it was necessary, in order to procure eighty-cent gas for the people that attention be paid at this time to the attempt that is being made by the gas companies to secure an inflated capitalization of their properties.

There was a unanimity of opinion that measures should be taken to make public the facts surrounding the present questions and this view, after considerable discussion, crystallized in a vote that every association should devote one evening to a discussion of this question and that this central committee should furnish speakers for such meetings.

The first of these addresses will be given to-morrow night at a meeting of the Faneuil Association at Brighton.

Ways and means of securing the greatest publicity for this discussion were talked of, and it was finally voted that at another meeting, to be called in the near future, a sub-committee should report an outline of a vigorous and energetic campaign for the consideration of the committee. This sub-committee includes Dr. Walsh, Colonel Doherty, Mr. Hoag, Mr. Nickerson and Representative Coulthurst.

It was voted that the committee should be enlarged by the addition of four more prominent workers from each association.

100 IMPERILLED BY LEAK IN GAS MAIN; 3 MAY DIE

Escaping Fluid Overcomes Many on Tenements on East Canton Street.

A leaking gas main in East Canton street to-day endangered the lives of over one hundred occupants of the houses numbered from 72 to 106, and probably fatally affected three persons.

The three most seriously affected are Dennis Harrigan, aged fifty-two, who lives at No. 106 and has a coal cellar at No. 72, and Mrs. Edgar Hall and her five-months-old child, Agnes, of No. 96. Harrigan is at the City Hospital and probably will not recover, and Mrs. Hall and her baby are at home. They are not in such bad condition as Harrigan, and if their lives are saved it will be due to the prompt action of Patrolman Silas Waite, of the East Dedham Street Station, who broke in the door of the house and carried them into the air.

A number of others were more or less affected by the gas, but revived after being attended by physicians.

Found Lying in Cellar.

The gas company was notified last night that there was a leak in the main and early to-day men began to tear up the street to locate it. While they were at work Patrolman Waite noticed that the odor of gas was very strong in front of No. 72, where Harrigan has a coal cellar.

He went into the cellar and found Harrigan lying face downward on the floor, unconscious. He dragged the man to the air and attempted to revive him, but was unable to do so. As quickly as possible an ambulance was summoned from the City Hospital, and Harrigan was taken there. The physicians worked over him for hours without bringing him back to consciousness, and they say that there is small hope for his recovery.

At about the same time Martin Cody, a grocer's boy, called at Mrs. Hall's house to deliver some provisions. He could not get in and, noticing the strong odor or gas, he notified Patrolman Waite. Waite broke down the door and found Mrs. Hall and her baby unconscious.

Dennis Harrigan Found Unconcious in Cellar and Taken to the Hospital.

He carried them to the street and sent for a physician while he worked to revive them. By the time the physician arrived he had restored them to partial consciousness and the physician said that they might recover, although both were in a serious condition.

In almost every house from No. 72 to No. 106 the occupants felt the effects of the gas, but with the three exceptions none was made unconscious.

'GRAFT' CHARGES IN CHELSEA ALDERMEN

The award of a street lighting contract which was not given to the lowest bidder caused a heated discussion in the Chelsea Board of Aldermen, in the course of which Alderman Soley said that it seemed as if all the members excepting himself "had been fixed." He and other speakers used the term "graft" freely.

"I WOULD GIVE MY LIFE TO BRING HIM BACK," SAYS NAN PATTERSON

NAN PATTERSON TO FINISH TODAY, SUMMING UP

Actress Reiterates Her Statement That She Would Have Died for Young.

HER DEEP LOVE FOR HIM

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you see him there transacting business?"

"I did not."

"When was your last theatrical engagement?"

"The latter part of 1903."

"Since that time has your father supported you?"

"No."

"Then, did not Young support you?"

"Yes."

"How much do you think he gave you? You remember he once gave you $2,800?"

"He once gave me $2,500. He gave me often large sums of money."

"Did you get as much as $50,000 from him? You know you spent it and I must ask you."

"I don't know."

As to the "Trap."

"Now, when Young spoke of going to Europe you say he said to you, 'Nan, they have bought a ticket for me to go to Europe; they have trapped me and I have got to go.' Was that so?"

"Yes, that is so."

"What other reason did you give?" Did he not say that his wife was unhappy and he thought he ought to go?"

"Yes, he said that."

"What other reason did he give? Did you not say that Young feared his wife would do him harm?"

"Yes."

"Do you state it as a fact that the day before he died that Young said to you that he feared Margaret Young would kill him?"

"I did not say that. He thought his wife might harm him."

"Then, why did you tell this jury on your oath that Young said he was afraid his wife would kill him?"

"From something he said to me in San Francisco."

"As a matter of fact, he never had any such fear?"

"No. I didn't mean it!"

"If Mrs. Young was in Europe and Young in America she could not kill him, could she?"

"No."

She Was Happy.

Miss Patterson said that after several telephone messages from Young she met him at 140th street and Eighth avenue.

"When you saw him you playfully ran away?"

"Yes."

"You were in good spirits and happy?"

"Well, yes."

"You said yesterday that you would gladly lay down your life for 'Caesar' Young?"

"Yes."

"I take it that you loved him affectionately and devotedly?"

"Yes."

"He was the only man in the world for you?"

"Yes."

"And you knew that Young was going to Europe, and he had then said nothing to you about going, and yet you were happy?"

"Yes. I didn't think he would be gone long."

"Well, when you had gotten rid of Luce you took the cab ride with Young, and he told you to follow him over?"

"Yes."

To Meet in Europe.

"He told you that you must take a fast steamer, as he was going on a slow steamer, the Germanic, and that you would be there when he got there?"

"Yes."

"Why didn't you take the trip over?"

"I was afraid of the trip alone."

"You said you had four or five hundred dollars in the bank, and that after he gave you $200 you went and met Luce at Flanery's?"

"Yes."

"Did you tell him you would go to Europe?"

"I told him I thought I would."

"You told him that you would get the steamer trunk and rug for the trip?"

"Yes."

"Then, so far as you knew that up to midnight of June 3 Young thought you were going?"

"Yes, that is so."

"And he died in your lap at 8.30 the next morning?" added the prosecutor.

"You have no recollection of saying anything to Young about not taking the trip before you went home?"

Feared Lonely Trip.

"Well, I told him that I did not like to take the trip alone."

"Why didn't you tell Mr. Levy that? He asked for the whole conversation yesterday."

"I did not remember it. It was a mistake."

Miss Patterson said that while at Flanery's Young gave her five $20 bills.

"Why did you not put the bills in your purse?"

"The little purse in my bag was full."

"You were afraid Luce would see the money?"

"No."

"Where did you put the money?"

"In my stocking."

Young Drinking Heavily.

"You said yesterday that while you were there Young had fifteen or twenty drinks?"

"Yes."

"Did any one ever remonstrate with you about drinking too much?"

"Mr. Young joked about it."

"Were Smith and his wife familiar with your relations with Caesar Young?"

"I dare say they were."

"Then it was no secret of the family?"

"I do not imagine so."

Herself the focal point of a thousand eyes, she never once winced, but calmly—now made petulant by interruption, now laughing at the sallies of counsel, again tremulously tearful as she touched upon the little tendernesses of the dead—told a story that impressed all who heard that it was truth.

In deepest mourning, she assumed the witness chair, removed her hat, better to show a face pale and pretty, with a tumbling mass of dark brown hair surmounting it.

NAN GOES ON STAND.

Abraham Levy called Nan Patterson to the stand at the opening of the afternoon session. He did not speak her name, but turned and motioned to her to step forward. She was pale and nervous as she left her accustomed seat by the side of her father and walked back of the jury box to the chair, to tell the story upon which so much depends.

The crowded courtroom became suddenly still when the former show girl took the stand. The first of her testimony, relating to herself, was given in a low, even voice, but as she proceeded her tones became more tense, until, in her account of the fatal cab ride, her voice was filled with tragic expression.

No definite arrangement had been made for a meeting on the fatal morning, she testified. Nan was awakened by Mrs. Smith, but soon fell asleep again and was aroused later. She dressed quickly and met Young in Fifty-ninth street.

"He said, 'What made you so late?'" she continued.

"He swore and said, 'I've had time for forty drinks and I've got my load on.' He showed he was intoxicated and his hair was all mussed up. He had a habit when intoxicated of closing one of his eyes, pulling down his hat and pushing the hair down on one side. When he complained again I said I had been sleeping and I hadn't known when he 'phoned first. We went in the side door of a saloon and he ordered two drinks of whiskey."

Q.—Did you drink one of them? A.—No. Mr. Young drank both. We then walked to the Circle and got a cab.

Q.—Did you know that Young was going to a pier? A.—No; all I heard him say was to drive to a hat store. On our way he was joking about the old brown derby he had on. He said he wished I was going away then.

Q.—After getting his hat what did he do? A.—He returned to the cab and told the driver to take us where we could get drinks.

ENTER THE FATAL CAB.

Nan said she knew nothing about the saloon where they next stopped except that it was under the elevated railroad. After ordering the drinks, Young took from his pocket an illustrated postal and wrote on it: "Mrs. Patterson, care of Mrs. Smith, St. Paul Hotel," then he handed it to her, saying, 'Here, take this. It is something you might need." They then left the saloon, Nan entering the hansom first and sitting on the far side, so that Young was at her right hand.

"We talked about his going away and he kept questioning me about my coming to meet him," she said. "I didn't say anything, and finally he said: 'But I don't feel positive that you are coming over.' He said: 'I believe that you are fooling; are you?'

"Then he said: 'Are you going?' I said: 'Well, Caesar, there's no use saying I will, because I've made up my mind not to, but you go over there and get things quieted down until the folks have forgotten about things. I will see you at the Saratoga meeting.'

"He looked at me a while, and said: 'Do you mean that?' and then he grabbed me by my hand nearest to him and pulled me over toward him. He hurt me so that I tried to pull away, but I could not get away from him. I put my other hand up and he grabbed me—somehow or other I got away from him. I told him that he hurt me.

"He said: 'If you don't come over there, and I have to wait until the Saratoga meeting, I may never see you again. My horses have gone back on me. I've lost all that money. Now I'm losing my little girl; do you mean that?'

"I DID NOT KILL HIM."

"He grabbed me and hurt me so badly that the tears came to my eyes. I tried to struggle away from him again, and had to bend way over.

"There was a flash—the end."

"You heard a report?" her lawyer asked.

"Yes."

"Was the pistol in Young's hands?"

"I had not seen the pistol. Mr. Young fell over my lap, got half way up, fell again, and I thought he was having a spasm. He kept twitching and twitching. I called to him and tried to make him answer, but he wouldn't. I believe I put my hand up and told the cabman to drive to the druggist. I don't know whether I did. That was my idea, and it seemed—oh—ages before I could get anyone to pay any attention to me and help me.

"A policeman got into the cab, and I felt so relieved. I knew he would take care of Mr. Young. I seemed to be dazed in my memory after that."

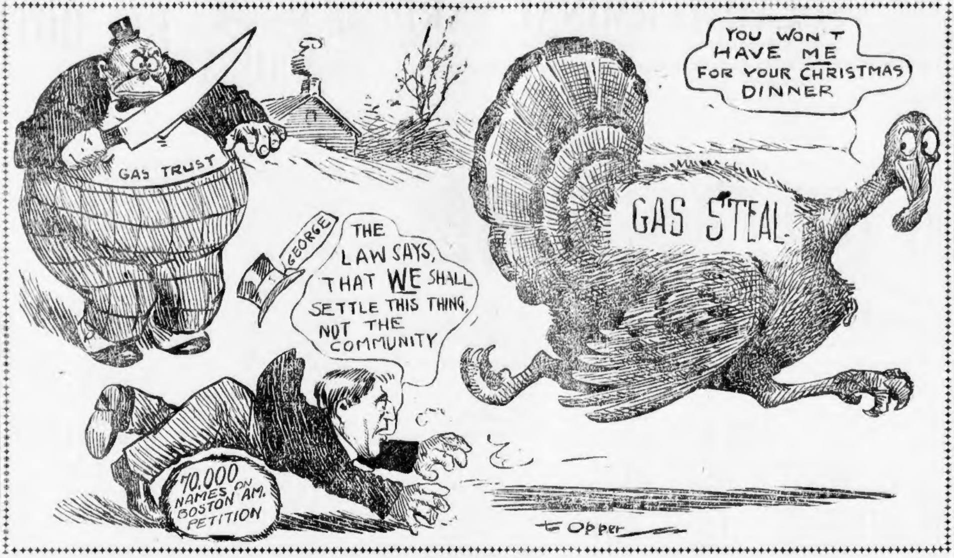
"Nan, look at me; did you shoot 'Caesar' Young?" asked Mr. Levy.

"Mr. Levy, I didn't have any pistol to shoot Mr. Young with, and if I had—" said the witness in trembling tones.

Assistant District Attorney Rand objected to further answer, and was sustained.

"Did you or did you not shoot 'Caesar' Young, Nan?"

"I did not. I would give my own life to bring him back if it were in my power," she answered.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PASTORS CALL DR. ABBOTT AN 'INFIDEL'

As he predicted, a storm of criticism has been visited upon the sermon preached by Rev. Dr. Lyman Abbott to the Harvard students, in which he declared that he no longer believed in the personal God and "the first cause" and denied the Ten Commandments were the inspired work of Moses, but were instead, the outcome of a gradual growth.

"Dr. Abbott's utter throwing away of the 'personal God,' his rejection of the Ten Commandments, and his renunciation of the Bible can be nothing but a renunciation of Christianity. His sermon places him utterly beyond the pale of Christianity," said Bishop Cheney, of Chicago.

Rev. Dr. J. R. McCrory, of Pittsburg, who is considered the leading divine of the United Presbyterian creed said: "His assertions need draw no comment. Lyman Abbott is an infidel."

Pleases Unitarians.

Rev. Dr. Minot J. Savage, of New York, Unitarian, said: "We Unitarians have been preaching just this sort of thing year in and year out. That sermon might have been preached by an Unitarian minister in the land, save for one statement. Dr. Abbott does not get away entirely from the old idea of Christ."

Approval of Dr. Abbott's views from the Universalist point of view was expressed by Rev. Dr. F. O. Hall, of New York, formerly of Fitchburg, Lowell and North Cambridge, who said:

"He has said to those young men in Harvard what we Universalists have been preaching ever since we broke away from the orthodox church. His last sentence, 'God makes for good, man's progress is a progress upward, each day is better than the first,' is absolutely Universalist doctrine."

Boston pastors were divided in their opinions. Rev. Charles N. Field, rector of St. Augustine's church, said: "Dr. Abbott is repeating things which many heretics before him have said."

Rev. Herbert S. Johnson, of the Warren Avenue Baptist church, said: "I'm in accord with Dr. Abbott's views. He is quite rigth in his evolutionary theories."

"He is simply going back to Hinduism," said Rev. L. B. Bates, of the Meridian Street M. E. church.

"I'm surprised to read this," said Dr. James L. Barton, secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions. "Only a short time ago Dr. Abbott, in my presence, expressed firm belief in 'the first cause.'"

Rev. W. H. Allbright, of the Pilgrim Congregational Church, said that Dr. Abbott is theologically erratic. "He can't establish a new faith, for he is not a clear thinker along theological lines," he said.

Rev. Dr. S. P. Henson, pastor of Tremont Temple, said: "If Lyman Abbott believes in anything in heaven or on earth excepting man, I'd like to know it. He is the most extraordinary instance of retrogressive evolution I have ever known."

"Dr. Abbott has been a human paradox for years," said Dr. Charles A. Crane, pastor of the People's Temple. "His theology is entirely inconsistent, and he flits from one theory t anther with the greatest agility. His is a very old theory that has often been discarded."

Dr. Abbott said to-day that some of his critics surprised him, and denied that his present attitude is a departure. He said that his heresy, if it is heresy, is the heresy of the thinking world at the present time. Continuing, he said:

"The old idea was that God was over and above the world, related to it as a mechanic to his machine. To-day we have come to the more spiritual view of God as the indwelling spirit, who is in and of the entire universe. This permits of no doctrine of mediation, it brings each soul as near to God as any man has ever been or ever will be, whether it be here to-day, on the isle of Patmos or on Sinai."

CASSATT FOR GOVERNMENT OWNERSHIP

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—A. J. Cassatt, president of the Pennsylvania Railroad, has conferred with President Roosevelt regarding the President's views respecting the control of railroad rates.

The conversation between Mr. Cassatt and President Roosevelt related largely to the proposed changes in the interstate commerce law as suggested in the President's annual message. It is said that they found themselves virtually in agreement upon the subject of proposed legislation.

Mr. Cassatt, while at the Capitol, conferred with Mr. Elkins, chairman of the Senate Committee on Interstate Commerce. Senator Elkins brought up the question of a court of interstate commerce, to have jurisdiction over the matter of equitable division of railroad rates between States.

Will Prepare a Statement.

The proposition did not meet with the general approval of Mr. Cassatt, but he is not unalterably opposed to the idea of giving the Interstate Commerce Commission the authority suggested by the President.

It is understood Mr. Cassatt will prepare a statement of his views respecting proposed railroad legislation and will forward it to the President.

Senator Knox, it is believed, is prepared to stand squarely with the President in advocacy of legislation which will prevent rebates in any form and give the Government power to regulate freight rates.

A. B. Stickney, president of the Chicago Great Western Railway, adds his name to the list of prominent railroad men who are willing to see a Government regulation of rates. He is quoted as saying:

Rebates on Grain Shipments.

"There is plenty of law, no doubt, in the Interstate Commerce Act, but the Interstate Commerce Commission itself lacks potency. The net results of the law have been beneficial.

"It ought to be strengthened in several ways, however, and the Commission given more money to make it really efficient."

"Is the general railroad situation fairly satisfactory?"

"It is better in many respects than ever before; rates are more equitable than formerly. The power of the courts to enjoin the giving of rebates has pretty nearly ended that practice on the Western lines, though a few roads still give rebates on grain shipments.

"The vital question, of course, is the rate-making power. All that some of us can do is to cut rates, and in this we might win out in the long run if our wealth were only sufficient."

BOSTON STOCKS.

Adventure	6	5⅞
Allouez	17¾	18
Amalgamated	67⅛	67¾
Am. Ag. Ch. pref	86	86½
American Tel	146	146½
American Pneumatic	5½	5½
American Woolen pref	93½	93
Atlantic	16	16
Bingham	34¾	34⅞
Boston Con	6⅛	6¼
Boston Elevated	154	153
Boston & Maine	172	170
Calumet & Hecla	645	645
Centennial	24½	24½
Copper Range	66½	66½
Daly-West	12	12⅛
Edison Electric Illum	254½	254½
Isle Royale	26	26
Mass Electric	14	14
Mass Electric pref	56½	57
Mass Gas	38	38
Mass Gas pref	80½	80¼
Mexican Tel	2	2
Montana Coal	5	5⅛
New England Tel	136	136
N. Y. N. H. & H.	197½	197½
Old Dominion	25	25
Osceola	92	92
Parrot	26⅝	26¾
Pullman	234	234
Shoe Machinery	59	59
Swift & Co.	112½	112½
Tamarack	120	120
Trinity	10½	9½
United States Steel	29¼	29½
United States Steel pref.	92⅛	92½
United Fruit	107	107
U. S. Mining	24¼	24⅜
Union Pacific	110¼	110⅝
Winona	11½	11½

NEW YORK STOCKS.

	Opening.	1 p. m.
Amal. Copper	67⅝	67¾
American Ice	6½	6⅝
Amer. Loco	33⅝	33¼
Amer. Smelting	79⅝	80
American Sugar	140⅞	141
Atchison	84⅝	85¼
Baltimore & Ohio	99⅞	100⅜
Brooklyn Transit	61	61
Canadian Pacific	130	130½
Ches. & Ohio	48	48⅝
Chicago & Alton	43¾	43¾
Chicago, Great West	22½	22½
Consol. Gas	201½	201⅝
Delaware & Hudson	186	188¼
Erie	37	37⅝
Erie 2d pfd	55⅝	55⅝
Hocking Valley	92¼	92⅜
Illinois Central	154½	154⅞
Louisville & Nashville	140½	140⅝
Manhattan Elevated	162½	163½
Metropolitan	122⅝	122⅝
Mexican Central	21	21½
Missouri Pacific	108¾	108⅝
New York Central	140½	142⅝
Norfolk & Western	78⅝	79¼
Pennsylvania	137	137
Reading	78¼	79
Rock Island	33	33½
Southern Pacific	62	63⅝
Southern Railway	34¼	34⅝
St. Paul	169⅝	170½
T. C. & Iron	71⅝	72
Union Pacific	110⅝	110¼
U. S. Leather	14	14½
U. S. Leather pref	101	101
United States Steel	29⅝	29¼
United States Steel pref	92¼	92⅜
Western Union	92⅝	92⅝

"Was it Santa Claus? Or was it der Captain?" A thrilling automobile adventure of Christmas time, in which the Katzenjammer Kids figure. A whole page of funny pictures by Dirks, exclusively in next Sunday's BOSTON SUNDAY AMERICAN.

REYNOLDS KNEW $5,000,000 NOTE FORGED

Told Grand Jury So and May Be Indicted as Mrs. Chadwick's Accomplice.

Special to the Boston American.

CLEVELAND, Dec. 20.—Ira Reynolds confessed to the Grand Jury that he knew that Andrew Carnegie's signature to the $5,000,000 note given to him by Mrs. Cassie L. Chadwick was a forgery. Now the indictment of Reynolds is expected.

Reynolds's protestations of innocence have been heart rending since the great Chadwick scheme was traced to the bundle of paper which he held as "securities." Now he has also confessed in grand jury that the writing on the back of the note is his own. This is the top line of the indorsement, that reads: "Pay to the order of Ira Reynolds, trustee." Reynolds's admissions to the grand jury seem to set forever at rest any impression that Mrs. Chadwick merely gave him the sealed package, and then secured his attest by a ruse.

Did Not See Big Deed.

But Reynolds denies that he ever saw the $20,000,000 deed of trust which was the silent partner in the Chadwickian scheme of finance. He did take Mrs. Chadwick's word for this, he says.

"Isn't it time Reynolds was doing some explaining?" Prosecutor Keeler was asked.

"The public does not need to worry about that," was the reply.

While Keeler will not admit in so many words that Reynolds will be indicted in connection with the Chadwick affair, it is known absolutely that there is extreme likelihood of that event befalling within a day or two. The grand jury may report to-day.

It was also testified in the grand jury that when Mrs. Chadwick had the Wade Park Bank a victim a while ago to the tune of many thousand dollars, Reynolds used his influence with Beckwith in her behalf and part of the money thus raised she used to pay off Reynolds.

There is a possibility that Mrs. Chadwick will go on the stand in the bankruptcy proceedings to-day. Four witnesses have been heard thus far.

Mrs. Chadwick's appearance will depend on a report to Mr. Remington, referee in bankruptcy, as to her physical condition, her counsel stating in court that she was ill, and it being agreed that several physicians shall make an examination to-day.

Little information has been secured as to the jewelry that creditors think Mrs Chadwick has, or of the missing trunk and valise that the receiver wishes to find.

Attorney Dawley, addressing the court, questioned the right to subpoena Mrs. Chadwick and have her testify. He said,

"Mrs. Chadwick is under no obligations to testify anywhere. Nothing can unseal her lips, and if Mrs. Chadwick were to come here and make a statement, she would have to discharge me as her attorney before I would consent."

CHARLESTOWN GAS CONSUMERS HEARD JAN. 10

Hearing on Petition for 80-Cent Gas From Residents on That Date.

Tuesday, January 10, 1905, is the day which has now been set for the hearing before the Massachusetts Gas and Electric Light Commissioners at the State House on the petition of the Charlestown gas consumers for a reduction in the price of gas furnished them by the Charlestown Gas and Electric Company to eighty cents per thousand cubic feet.

The hearing to-day was postponed from December 1. Previous to the time of calling the meeting to order at 10 o'clock a consultation was held between Attorney Auerbach for the petitioners, Attorney Pillsbury for the Charlestown Company and Chairman Barker of the commission, at which it was decided to ask the board for postponement.

A delay of nearly twenty minutes was caused to-day by the non-appearance of Commissioner Samuel George.

The capitalization hearing, which was postponed until to-morrow, Wednesday, has now been put over until a day later, owing to a death in the family of Mr. Snow, attorney for the gas companies.

On Thursday the board will take up the hearing on the petition of the Consolidated Gas Companies for a $50,000,000 capitalization, and it is expected that Expert Humphreys, who dropped out of sight last week, will resume the stand for cross-examination by either Attorney Clarence J. Shearn, of New York, or his associate, Attorney Auerback. This cross-examination will doubtless furnish the most interesting of all the proceedings since the hearing began.

ASK THAT SPAIN BAR THE QUEEN

MADRID, Dec. 20.—Politicians consider it a well-proved fact that the recent ministerial crisis was provoked by the Queen Mother. She insisted that Premier Maura appoint General Polavieja chief of the general staff instead of General Lono, who had been nominated for the position by government and political leaders.

All parties now seem to agree to present to the King a request that he not allow the Queen Dowager to interfere any further in the management of State affairs, and also to solicit her to leave Spain definitely and as soon as possible.

SKATING TO-DAY IN BOSTON AND VICINITY

The following skating bulletin was issued by the Park Department to-day:

Scarboro Pond	**No skating**
Franklin Field	**Fair**
Gibson Playground	**Fair**
Neponset Playground	**Fair**
Randolph St. Playground	**Fair**
First Street Playground	**Fair**
Strandway, South Boston	**Fair**
Roslindale Playground	**Fair**
Billings Pond	**Fair**
Wood Island Park	**Fair**
Charlesbank	**No skating**
Columbus Ave. Playground	
Jamaica Pond	**No skating**
North Brighton Playground	**No skating**
Charlestown Playground	**No skating**
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TAKE FORT AT POINT OF BAYONET

Keekwan Captured After Ten-Hour Desperate Fight by Japs.

THE GARRISON ANNIHILATED

LONDON, Dec. 20.—The north fort on East Keekwan Mountain has been captured by the Japanese at Port Arthur.

Two tons of dynamite were first exploded in the mines prepared by the Japanese sappers. This was followed by a desperate assault by the infantry. The Russians assault by the infantry

The fortification was finally taken at the point of the bayonet after ten hours of furious fighting. The garrison was practically exterminated.

All Japan is to-day ringing with praises of General Samejima, who led the assaulters. He is an old veteran of the war of the restoration and the Satuma rebellion. He is gray-haired and bent, but wiry and active.

It was his heroism at Keekwan which inspired the men and turned apparent impending disaster into glorious victory.

General Nogi's report of the fight is as follows:

"On December 18 at 2:15 p. m. part of our army blew up the parapets of the north fort of East Keekwan Mountain and then charged. A fierce battle ensued. Owing to the stubborn resistance of the enemy with machine guns, our operations were temporarily suspended.

"At 7 p. m. General Samejima, commanding the supports, advanced into the casemates, and, encouraging his men, threw his supports into the fighting line in a last brave charge.

"At 11:50 p. m. we completely occupied the fort and immediately engaged in the construction of defensive works. Our occupation became firmly assured to-day.

"Before retiring the enemy exploded four mines in the neighborhood of the neck of the fort.

"We captured five nine-centimetre field guns and two machine guns, as well as plenty of ammunition."

It is reported that the Japanese have seized a strong position about 1,000 yards southeast of 203-Metre Hill, preparatory to assaulting the new town and pushing between Liaoti mountain and the Russian headquarters at Port Arthur.

The fighting against Sungshu mountain continues.

BALTIC SQUADRON HAS BEEN SIGHTED SOUTH OF CAPE TOWN

CAPE TOWN, Dec. 20.—Sixteen vessels, presumably of the Russian Baltic squadron, have been sighted twenty-five miles out, steering south. It is supposed they will coal at Delagoa Bay, where colliers have already arrived.

RUSSIA TO SPEND $200,000,000 IN THE BUILDING OF NAVY

ROME, Dec. 0.—A Russian naval commission is visiting Italian and German shipyards for the study of the best types of warships and the quickest methods of construction. It is said that Russia intends to spend $200,000,000 on a new navy, to include thirty battleships and 200 torpedo craft.

DOGGER BANK INQUIRY WAITS FOR REAR ADMIRAL DAVIS

PARIS, Dec. 20.—The meeting of the commission which will inquire into the Dogger Bank tragedy has been postponed until to-morrow, owing to the non-arrival of the American member, Read Admiral Davis, who is expected here late this afternoon.

GOES MAD AS HIS REGIMENT STARTS, SHOOTS HIMSELF

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 20.—A sensational scene was enacted here to-day as a Lifflandsky regiment was about to depart for the front. The colonel of the regiment, attired in his uniform, and having bade good-bye to his family, suddenly went insane. He tore off his uniform before the troops, and before any one could interfere had fired a bullet from a revolver into his own body. He died almost instantly.

CZAR'S BRIBES FOR FISHERMEN IN DOGGER BANK

HULL, Eng., Dec. 20.—Mr. Behring, the owner of one of the vessels in the trawling fleet which was bombarded by the Russian Baltic squadron, confirms the report that Russian agents are trying to bribe the fishermen to testify to the presence of Japanese torpedo boats when the bombardment occurred.

He says one of the fishermen was offered £250 preliminary payment and was promised a further sum if he would go to Paris and give pro-Russian testimony before the International Commission.

He adds that he knows of several fishermen who have accepted bribes and have signed papers, falsely, confessing to the presence of torpedo boats.

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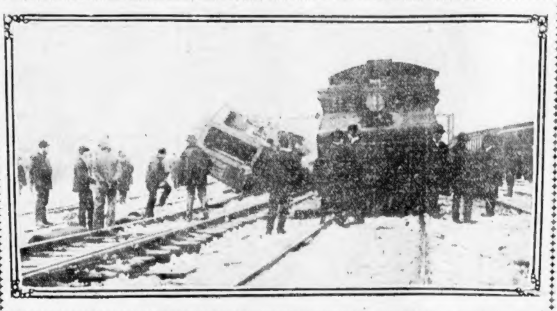
PROBING INTO CRASH AT SOUTH TERMINAL YARD



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CARS IN SOUTH TERMINAL WRECK SHOWING OVERTURNED PULLMAN

Railroad Officials Investigate To-day to Place Blame for Collision.

An investigation is being made by the railroad officials to place responsibility for the collision between an inward-bound and an outward-bound train in the South Terminal yards in which hundreds of passengers narrowly escaped injury. Mrs. Edward Dolan of No. 24 Parkhurst street, Milford, a passenger on the inward-bound train who was badly shaken up, is at the Massachusetts General Hospital, but will soon be able, it s thought, to go to her home. The conductor of the outward bound tran was cut with flying glass.

The engine of the incoming train ran into an open switch, grazing the first car of the outward bound train filled with passengers, and smashing in the front end and derailing the second car, an empty Pullman sleeper. The engine of the incoming train was badly battered and also derailed.

For several hours after the accident the Boston and Albany tracks were blocked. Christmas shoppers and persons returning home from business were delayed for several hours, while two wrecking crews cleared the tracks.

GIRL'S RUSE LED TO ARREST OF INTRUDERS

Two Men, Held on Burglary Charge, Caught by Clever Trick.

THOUGHT ESCAPE CUT OFF

Courage, a clear head and timely exercise of a little ruse enabled Miss Annie I. Mahoney, twenty-two years old, of No. 84 West Broadway, South Boston, to accomplish the capture, early to-day, of two men now held on charge of attempted burglary.

She was awakened by sound of some one climbing up the rear stairs on the outside of the house. She arose and saw two men climbing to the roof and about to go to a skylight.

Miss Mahoney's mother, hearing the noise, became alarmed. Telling her mother to have no fear, the girl returned to the window, where the burglars caught sight of her. She shouted:

"You stay at the stairway and head them off while the other man goes onto the roof."

Although there was no one else there to help her, the two men, frightened and thinking their escape cut off, ran across the roof and dropped to a shed, where they hid. Meanwhile Miss Mahoney ran down to the street, and finding a young man, asked him to call the police. At the first corner, East Broadway and D street, three policemen were found, who came to the house. After some search they found the two men hiding in the shed.

They gave the names of aPtrick Moriarty, aged twenty, of No. 29 Rochester street, and John Long, aged twenty, of No. 123 Dorchester avenue. They were taken over to headquarters to-day to be examined by Chief Watts. To-morrow they will be arraigned in East Boston District Court.

EXCHANGE MAN IS EXPELLED

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—At a meeting of the governors of the New York Stock Exchange, John W. Ritchie, of the firm of Yates & Ritchie, was charged with fraud found guilty and expelled from the stock exchange. The announcement was made to-day by President H. K. Pomeroy.

Mr. Ritchie has been a member of the stock exchange since Nov. 7, 1901.

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LAKE AINSLEE WIDOWER WEDS EIGHTH WIFE

Eccentric John MacFarlane Keeps Seven Mourning Rooms Locked.

QUEER PROMISES OF BRIDE

Special to the Boston American.

WHYCOCOMAGH, Cape Breton, Dec. 20.—With seven rooms in his house painted in mourning colors and locked in memory of his seven wives who have died, John MacFarlane, the "Lake Ainslie widower," has married again and his new wife, about one-third her husband's age, has made to and demanded from her husband a number of promises.

She has agreed to decorate weekly the graves of her seven predecessors; to make no reference to the dead wives; to see that the white hitching post in the yard, which has seven black bands, one for each dead wife, is kept clean; to visit once a year some relatives of each deceased wife.

MacFarlane, for his part, has promised to make his wife his sole heir; to take her to Boston once a year; to give up smoking a pipe and smoke cigars, and to build a seven-room addition to the house to make up for the rooms closed in mourning.

MacFarlane, who is sixty-one years old, is one of the most eccentric individuals on Cape Breton Island. He was married when twenty years old to Mary McLean, who died in a little over a year. A year from the day his wife died he invited his friends to a banquet and had it served in the room in which his wife died.

For his second wife he mourned six months and then gave a second banquet, in the death chamber of the second wife. In memory of his third wife he gave a strawberry festival.

When he married his fourth she knew nothing of the previous ones and when she saw the three rooms she left MacFarlane and went home. She was trying to get a divorce when she died. Three others followed in rapid succession, the seventh committed suicide, and her room was decorated with pictures from Dante's "Inferno." This was four years ago.

JILTED, TAKES PARIS GREEN

Special to the Boston American.

WEBSTER, Dec. 20.—Because a young woman in Dayville, Conn., to whom he was engaged, broke the engagement and refused to recognize him when they met, Arger Ledoux, a cotton weaver, committed suicide in the home of his uncle, Peter Basette, by swallowing a quarter of a pound of Paris green.

NO BODY FOUND.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—A diver has examined the wreckage of the steamboat Glen Island but did not find one body of the nine victims of the fire.

11 MEN PERISH; SHIPWRECKED ON NANTUCKET

Life Savers Waiting for Sea to Give Up Dead of Fiercest Blizzard in Years.

Life-savers are patrolling the shores along Cape Cod, Buzzards' Bay and Vineyard Sound, fearing that the sea, which is still runing high, will bring ashore bodies of sailors who went down in the storm of Sunday. Evidences of disaster in the shape of wreckage are being found.

There were two other complete wrecks, the schooner George B. Ferguson, of Belfast, Me., on Nantucket Island, and the barge Albertus, on Fisher's Island.

Four of the fifteen schooners which were driven ashore in Vineyard Haven are still ashore, too badly damaged to be hauled off until repairs are made.

At Nantucket life-savers are on patrol in the expectancy that the bodies of the captain and ten of the crew of the schooner Richard S. Leaming, of Philadelphia, will come ashore. It is believed they perished while attempting to make their way ashore from the schooner, which struck on Long Shoal. The life-savers believe that a small boat could not live in the tremendous seas. The Leaming was loaded with plaster from Windsor, N. S., to Philadelphia. She was a three-master.

Monomoy life savers are waiting to pull out to the wreck of a large schooner off Monomoy Point. It is believed her entire crew was lost, for there was no hope of their reaching shore.

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HEROIC GIRLS SAVE MOTHER FROM FLAMES

Aged 70, and a Paralytic, They Stay in Burning House Until She Is Rescued.

GET HELP JUST IN TIME

Through the heroism of three sisters, Margaret, Elizabeth and Katherine Maguire, Mrs. Margaret Maguire, their mother, seventy years old, and a paralytic, was probably saved from death by fire to-day at their home, No. 220 Westvale street, Dorchester.

The girls tried to carry their mother from the burning building, but found that they had not the strength. By their promptness in summoning help they succeeded in getting the aged woman out in safety.

The fire began in a closet on the second floor and was caused probably by mice nibbling at some matches. It burned through to the third floor and when Miss Maguire, who sleeps in a rear room on this floor, awoke, her room was filled with smoke.

The women did their best to get their mother, who is a paralytic, out, but the task was too much for them. In the meanwhile Elizabeth had run down to the second floor, where Lawrence Pierson, his wife Eleanor and their four-year-old daughter Helen slept.

Pierson had already been awakened by the cries of the women, and with his wife and their little daughter was making his way out.

Mr. Lyons and his son, who had heard their cries, implored the girls to make their escape before it was too late, but the girls refused to leave the house until their mother was got to a place of safety.

By this time Charles H. Spear, who lives on the top floor at No. 222 Westvale street, had been aroused by the cry of fire, and joined them. He, together with Mr. Lyons and Ellsworth Lyons, lifted the old lady, and, followed by the three daughters, started to make their way down the two flights of stairs.

The loss caused by fire is about $2,000.

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7 KNOWN DEAD IN BIG HOTEL CRASH

NINE INJURED BY COLLAPSE OF WALL IN MINNEAPOLIS BUILDING.

MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 20.—A strong wind caused the walls of the ruined Peck Building, burned last Tuesday, to fall at 1 o'clock this morning, crushing the Crocker Hotel adjoining. Fifty persons are known to have been in the hotel at the time of the accident. The ruined hotel building caught fire, and the entire department started to rescue the people.

THE DEAD:

- **William Bray, bridge builder.**
- **William Lillyblade, employe oil mills.**
- **Charles A. Clarke, foreman oil mill.**
- **Charles M. Kenyon, employe linseed oil mills.**
- **John Immerman, sixty-five years, ill on third floor.**
- **MacRitchie, employed Harwood livery.**
- **Peter Baldy, employe Harwood livery.**

INJURED:

- **J. W. Crocker, internally, may die.**
- **Mrs. J. W. Crocker, seriously bruised and cut.**
- **Howard Crocker, seriously bruised.**
- **Hannah Crocker, thirteen years, cut and bruised.**
- **Jennie Murray, arm broken.**
- **Mrs. Anna McNevins, internally, may die.**
- **Mrs. Margaret Leclaire, rib fractured.**
- **Mrs. Evelyn Williams, cut and bruised.**
- **Baby Williams, bruised.**

The hotel was a frame construction and the tons of brick and mortar that were precipitated upon it crushed the building as though built of cardboard.

BOY FAILS TO IDENTIFY CHAPDELAINE

Special to the Boston American.

WORCESTER, Dec. 20.—Francis Dorr, the nine-year-old Leicester boy who was put forward by the prosecution as a strong witness in the arraignment of Ovide Chapdelaine, in Central District Court to-day, for the alleged murder of Mrs. Emma Brigham, of Leicester, failed to identify Chapdelaine as the man whom he saw piling brush near the scene of the murder, and soon after the murder was presumably committed.

ARGUMENT OVER $500,000 DAMAGES

Argument on a demurrer to a declaration filed by the National Telephone Company against the American Bell Telephone Company to recover $500,000 damages, are being heard to-day by Judge Colt in the United States Circuit Court.

$200,000 IN BILLS BAKED TO ASHES

The fifty packages containing $200,000 in coupon bonds and bank bills in the "through safe" of the Adams Express Company's car burned to the rails at Webster Junction, were found apparently undisturbed when the safe was hauled from the ruins and opened.

The packages retained their original form, and to all appearances were only slightly charred. When touched, however, they crumbled away, having been literally baked to ashes. It is not thought that the destroyed currency can be redeemed. The money and bonds are therefore a total loss to the express company.

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MOTIVE GREAT MYSTERY IN THE TUCKER CASE

Trial of Young Man Charged With Mabel Page Murder Begins in Two Weeks.

DEFENCE IS CONFIDENT

The circumstantial chain of evidence by which the State will try to fix the murder of Mabel Page upon Charles Louis Tucker is, according to the detectives who have prepared the case, complete.

The only thing that remains for the prosecution before the trial begins in the East Cambridge Court two weeks from to-day, is the subpoenaing of their witnesses and the finishing of the few details that remain as to the manner of presentation of the case.

Whether or not the detectives who have gone over and over the ground have found any evidence that was not foreshadowed at the preliminary hearing is something they are very careful not to divulge.

It is not believed, however, that the prosecution has any surprises which it will spring during the progress of the trial. It is known, however, that the circumstantial case which it has built up against the young man is believed by Attorney-General Parker to be a very strong one.

Mystery as to Motive.

The one thing that has mystified the public which has begun to evince renewed interest in the case as the day of trial approaches, is the motive that will be ascribed by the prosecution for the crime.

So far as the public knows there has never been any satisfactory motive given for the murder. It has been suggested that the prosecution may not believe it necessary to try to establish a motive, but merely forge a chain of circumstances and try to show that it does not and could not fit anybody except Tucker.

Tucker admitted to Chief Shaw of the State Police, according to testimony of the chief, that he was at Cutter's Corner, which is near the Page house, shortly after noon on the day of the murder.

"I asked him: 'What did you go there for?' said Chief Shaw, and he replied: 'For nothing; just to take a walk.'"

Hinges on Slip of Paper.

But the State have another link in the chain by which they hope to place Tucker nearer the Page house at that time than Cutter's Corner, by which, in fact, they will try to place him actually in the house.

This link consists of a certain slip of paper which was found in the Page house. It contains a name and address. Upon the identity of the writer of that name and address will come the first clash of the handwriting experts.

The State has four handwriting experts. They are David N. Carvalho and William J. Kinsley of New York; Charles French of Newtonville, and Dr. Bennett F. Davenport of Watertown. It is the contention of the State that the name and address on the paper found in the Page house were written by Tucker. Whether all of their experts are of that opinion or not is not known, but naturally only those who are will be called to the stand.

Furnished with photographs of this scrap of writing and numerous samples of Tucker's writing the staff of handwriting experts employed by the defence are this week making a careful study of the two writings. It will be their province to prove, if possible, that the writing is not that of Tucker.

Knife Blade a Factor.

There is one other circumstantial link in the chain upon which the prosecution and defence may clash. The State has a knife with the blade in three sections, found in the Tucker home. On one section of the blade Dr. Julian A. Mead found a small discoloration, which he said might have been made by blood.

Dr. Wood, the Harvard expert, has made such an examination of this as will enable him to testify positively whether or not it is human blood. Then if he does swear that it is human blood the next thing to decide will be whose blood made the stain. The circumstances of the case will be made to bear upon this point by the prosecution.

So that these two important links, about each of which expert testimony will be given, will be highly important features of the case. The State has received its reports from its medical and handwriting experts. They go to prove the contention that the prosecution holds.

The lawyers for the defence, Messrs. Vahey, Innes & Mansfield, declare that they are confident of the result. They say that they will be able to prove conclusively that Tucker did not commit the crime.

Preparaton for the summoning of the talesmen from which the jury will be chosen are being made. It is believed that the selection of the jury will take several days.

20 PRISONED IN BURNING WRECK

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 20.—Smashed sidewise by a local train, three Pullman cars of the New York and Chicago express, bound west, were overturned and a score of passengers in the centre coach imprisoned for nearly half an hour, while flames crackling in one of the burning cars crept nearer to them.

It was not until fully twenty minutes had elapsed that they heard the clanging blows of axes upon the roof of the car and knew that the firemen were working to rescue them.

ELIOT OPPOSES NEW FUND NAME

Considerable opposition has developed to the changing of the name of the Ben Franklin fund to the Carnegie-Franklin fund, as proposed in view of the donation of Andrew Carnegie. One of the strongest opponents to any change being made is President Eliot, of Harvard.

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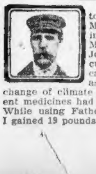

William G. Hamilton, of Lawrence, Mass., a Watchman in the Arlington Mills, says: "Father John's Medicine cured me of a bad case of bronchial asthma for which change of climate and numerous patent medicines had been tried in vain. While using Father John's Medicine I gained 19 pounds."

CHRISTMAS CHEER FOR FALL RIVER CHILDREN

ENSIGN W. H. SQUAREBRIGGS.

SANTA CLAUS FOR FALL RIVER CHILDREN.

Salvation Army Asks Aid to Bring Joy to Families of Striking Mill-Men.

That the children of Fall River strikers may not be disappointed in their anticipations of Christmas trees, toys and sweets, Ensign Squarebriggs of the Salvation Army has taken upon himself, with the co-operation of the army, the task of securing enough contributions to bring joy and comfort to the children.

This appeal for assistance in making a merry Christmas for the little ones comes from Fall River:

> The local corps of the Salvation Army will give a Christmas tree for all little children, on the Monday afternoon following Christmas. Anything which will tend to make Christmas brighter and happier for these Fall River babes may be sent to Ensign Squarebriggs, in charge of the corps, at Salvation Army Headquarters, Bedford street, Fall River, Mass.

Though for months many of the children of strikers in Fall River have not known what it is to have full stomachs, it has not dismayed them to as great an extent as might be imagined. The innocence of the children in the true condition that confronts them makes the case all the more pathetic. With great expectancy, as they assemble to receive their daily portions of food from the Salvation Army, each tells the others of the gifts that Santa Claus is going to leave for them or what they have asked him for. It was this childish prattle that touched the hearts of the Salvation Army and induced Ensign Squarebriggs to enlist the aid of the charitable to see that the little ones are not disappointed.

Ensign Squarebriggs said to a BOSTON AMERICAN reporter:

"The Salvation Army will be grateful for the assistance of the BOSTON AMERICAN. If all who desire to so contribute will send their gifts to me, I can assure them that they will be distributed where they will bring joy and comfort to some child."

URGES SECOND KISHINEFF

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 20.—The noted anti-semite Krushewan, the editor of the newspaper Bessarabez, who is credited with having organized the Kishineff slaughter, is agitating for another tragedy of the same order.

He is circulating inflammatory manifestos among the peasants of Bessarabia, urging them to march on Kishineff and exterminate the Jews.

TEN ON SHIP WIN RACE FOR LIFE

By Boston American Leased Wire.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—Sinking rapidly in the bay, after leaving Communipaw last night, the big steam lighter Limerick was driven at full speed in a race with destruction across the North River, and landed at Pier No. 3 just in time for Captain William Dunn and a crew of nine men to escape.

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SULLY RECEIVERS WILL GET $21,000

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—Judge Holt raised to-day the allowance of $16,000 made by Referee Coxe in the bankruptcy case of Daniel J. Sully & Co., to the receivers, D. H. Moller and H. W. Taft, to $21,000.

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FALL RIVER UNIONS FOR ARBITRATION

Practically Unanimous Vote of Strikers Will Put Issue Up to Mill Men.

RELIEF STILL COMING IN

Special to the Boston American.

FALL RIVER, Dec. 20.—The proposition of the labor leaders to submit the textile strike to a committee of the National Civic Federation for Arbitration, made to the manufacturers last week, was voted on to-day by the local textile unions.

The weavers voted unanimously in favor of the plan. The spinners voted for arbitration with but one negative vote. The carders were unanimously in favor of it, with the loomfixers yet to be heard from.

The unions apparently will vote unanimously for arbitration. This will place the matter squarely up to the manufacturers. Should they accept, it is expected that the striking textile workers will return to the mills and work on tentative terms pending a settlement.

At the joint conference last week the manufacturers refused to commit themselves to the arbitration proposition, but they did not finally reject the plan.

President N. B. Borden of the manufacturers says that nothing but a 12½ per cent. cut will be accepted by members of the association.

Strike leaders say that if mill men are insistent upon the 12½ per cent. cut, there will be less faith in their public spirit and regard for the welfare of Fall River.

Secretary J. G. Jackson, of the slashers, who is also State vice-president of the A. F. of L., said:

"A vote for arbitration by the unions will put the question right up to the manufacturers. If they refuse, it will strengthen our cause, and if they agree to submit the matter we are not afraid.

"A number of hands have sent us word that as soon as they have worked and earned a few dollars for the Christmas holidays they will leave the mills again. To date, only two union men have broken away and gone to work. At our last meeting we appointed a committee to investigate all cases of dire need among slashers and report them for immediate relief."

Relief collections for the strikers last week aggregated $1,774 from Fall River sympathizers alone.

DIRECT LINE TO SAVANNAH

The Ocean Steamship Company, which has just inaugurated a direct service between Savannah and this city, has announced that the last sailing of its steamers from this port touching at New York, under the old plan of procedure, will occur on December 21. On December 27 the steamer Chattahoochee will sail from Boston, making the direct trip.

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SCHURMAN IS IN FAVOR OF HEARST PLAN

President of Cornell University Advocates Legislation Such as Interstate Bill Provides.

ADDRESS AT FITCHBURG

Special to the Boston American.

FITCHBURG, Dec. 20.—Enthusiastic applause greeted the speech of Jacob Gould Schurman, President of Cornell University, at the banquet of the Fitchburg Merchants' Association, when he declared emphatically for an interstate commerce law for the regulation of the railways such as the bill introduced in Congress by William Randolph Hearst provides for.

Two hundred and fifty leading merchants of this city and Leominster, sat down to the banquet table.

"Higher Ideals Suffer."

President Schurman said in part: "Religion, morality, politics, law, culture, art, manners—all have suffered by our absorbing devotion to the economic task laid upon us. The Declaration of Independence is publicly scouted for its sentimental and ridiculous excesses, and we hold 7,000,000 civilized and Christian human beings in forcible subjection without telling them whether we shall eventually set them free.

"While I have no faith in Socialism, I nevertheless am deeply impressed both with the magnitude of the Socialistic vote and the abstention from voting of 1,000,000 or more radical Democrats.

"I believe the hope of the public for protection against oppressive prices is in the development of potential competition, which is now restrained and shackled by special favors to the trusts. The public must abolish and forbid all special privileges. I fully concur with the President that a law vesting the Interstate Commerce Commission with the power to revise rates and regulations for railways engaged in interstate commerce is the most important legislative act now needed as regards the regulation of corporations.

"Tariff Hard on the Worker."

"And the tariff—what shall I say of that? First, that it is bearing hard on men with fixed wages and salaries by raising the cost of the things they eat, drink, wear and use."

Mr. Montague suggested as one way by which trade and intercourse between the United States and Canada might be encouraged with mutual advantage the acceptance at par by the people of each country of the currency of the other. Mr. Montague, after alluding to the agitation in Massachusetts for reciprocity, said:

"We are also anxious to extend trade in Canada, but let me say to you, and say unhesitatingly, that Canada does not dream of opening up her industries to the keen and destructive competition of the United States. We will work out our own salvation. We will control or own destiny."

DROP PLAN FOR COLE'S PARDON

Friends of C. H. Cole, cashier of the defunct Globe National Bank, who is serving a term in prison, will drop the agitation for a pardon owing to the fact that the sympathies of men of standing and influence cannot be secured. Senators Lodge and Crane have so far refused to take up the matter.

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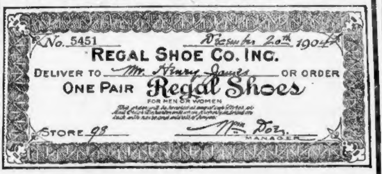

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DOGS, CATS, ETC.

INFORMATION wanted of a Boston terrier bitch, lost or stolen in Chelsea in March, 1904; dark brindle body; all white head, cut ears, tight screw tail, one black nail on fore paw; answers to name Babbie; will reward any information. H 4, Boston American.

HEARST BILL IS INDORSED IN PAWTUCKET

Fairlawn Society Declares for New Yorker's Interstate Commerce Act.

TWO LABOR UNIONS ACT

Special to the Boston American.

PAWTUCKET, R. I., Dec. 20.—The Fairlawn Improvement Society, composed of residents of the north part of the city, at its semi-monthly meeting indorsed the Hearst interstate commerce bill.

It was presented by Ex-President of the Common Council George B. Sullivan. He outlined the benefits that would accrue to the merchants of the Fairlawn section by the adoption of the bill. Their freight and express charges would be reduced, and the present discrimination against local merchants would be curbed. He also demonstrated to the members that Representative Hearst as a newspaper publisher had done more for the betterment of the condition of printers than any other man. President Rounds and others spoke in favor of the adoption of the resolutions, which were passed unanimously.

Similar resolutions were also passed unanimously by the members of the Journeymen Barbers' and Insurance Agents' Unions. President Thomas B. Farrell of the Journeymen Barbers' Union spoke in a very eulogistic manner of the support given organized labor by Representative Hearst. He said that aside from the intrinsic importance of the present bill to the business men and citizens generally, it was the duty of union labor men to line up solidly with Representative Hearst.

PARENTS OF BESSIE DAVIS HEARD TO-DAY

Father and Mother of Dead Beverly Girl Testify at the Inquest.

FIFTEEN OTHER WITNESSES

SALEM, Dec. 0.—The inquest into the mysterious death of Bessie Davis, the Beverly Farms girl whose body was found on the rocks at West Beach last September, was resumed before Judge Safford of the Salem District Court at 10 o'clock to-day. District Attorney Peters and Chief of Police Ferguson of Beverly had charge of the case.

The witnesses to be called were the father, mother, two brothers and a sister of the dead girl, Robert J. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Hawkins, Frank Blaney, Harry Hannilde, who was with Frank Williams when the body was found, Mark Knowles, Frank J. Preston, Policemen Calvin Williams and Warren O. Jones, Bessie M. Williams and Pearl Wyeth.

RICH DEDHAM WOMAN QUICKLY DIVORCED

CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 20.—Twenty minutes after his bill for divorce was filed Isaac Colburn was freed from the matrimonial bonds which united him to Mrs. Louise Clapp Colburn, a wealthy woman of Dedham, Mass.

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THE BAY STATE GAS DEAL

Thomas W. Lawson believes that his life as well as his great fortune is endangered in his relentless warfare on the "system" through his series of articles, "Frenzied Finance, the Story of Amalgamated," in Everybody's Magazine.

In his advertisement of the January installment, out to-day, entitled "War Begun," he says:

"Already this work has cost me personally hundreds of thousands of dollars, and before I am through it will probably cost me millions, but I will stick as long as I have life and a dollar left.

"If these should be taken, the people will, if only a sufficient number read my first chapters, find a way to—finish what I have begun."

Threatened With Criminal Action.

The first open move on Mr. Lawson in retaliation by the men conspicuously identified with Standard Oil came to-day, when the author of "Frenzied Finance" was threatened with prosecution for criminal libel, because of statements in the January installment of his story. Through his attorneys, Messrs. Samuel Untermeyer and James M. Beck, of New York, the American News Company, and through it the New England News Company, was notified that it would be held to liable for the circulation of the magazine.

Addicks Threatened Suicide.

One of the most startling statements made by Mr. Lawson is that J. Edward Addicks, when confronted with the probability of ruin, sought to take his own life. Addicks, in his rooms in the Hoffman House, stepped to a bureau drawer, took a revolver therefrom and placed it in his pocket before he, with ghostly, drawn face, told Lawson of impending disaster.

"Well, what are we going to do?" Lawson said to him.

"He did not reply for a moment," the story continues. "I continued to look at him. The eyes still haunted me. I noted that the lines around the lids had deepened into furrows. He half raised himself from the lounge.

"'I've said they would never get me, and they won't.' Instinctively his hand sought the pocket into which he had dropped what he had taken from the dresser's drawer. Then I knew. The yellow streak showed plain at last. I had guessed from the start it was there."

The article to which Mr. Rogers objects, and which may precipitate criminal proceedings, charges not only that $5,000,000 was spent to defeat William J. Bryan in 1896 by the purchase of five doubtful States, but that several hundred thousand of this was bribe money, paid to a temporary receiver of the Bay State Gas Company of Delaware and a prosecuting stockholder to prevent exposure and vacate the receivership.

Lawson to Dare Arrest.

Mr. Lawson is expected to go to New York to-day or to-morrow. He frankly declares that he will place himself within the jurisdiction of the New York courts whenever wanted. Mr. Untermeyer was in Boston yesterday, presumably on business connected with Mr. Rogers and Mr. Lawson, and is believed to have returned last night to New York.

The letter by which it was sought to inhibit the circulation of Everybody's Magazine for January follows:

New York, Dec. 16, 1904.

American News Company, New York City, N. Y.:

Dear Sir: We are instructed by our client, Mr. Henry H. Rogers, to advise you that information has come to him to the effect that in the forthcoming issue of Everybody's Magazine (January number) is included an article by Thomas W. Lawson, entitled "Frenzied Finance," containing grossly libellous statements concerning Mr. Rogers, amounting, as we are advised, to criminal libel.

We beg herewith to direct your attention to this article and respectfully to notify you, on behalf of Mr. Rogers, that your company and officers will be held liable for the circulation of the magazine containing the offending article.

Very truly yours,
SAMUEL UNTERMEYER,
JAMES M. BECK.

"System" Defeats Bryan.

The defeat of Bryan through the money of the "system" is one of the dramatic incidents of the present instalment of Mr. Lawson's story. He tells how the $5,000,000 was raised, and also of the alleged plot of Addicks to "hold up" the receiver of the Bay State Gas Company, after money had been paid over, and of the extraordinary scenes in Wilmington, Del., when two dress suit cases full of money changed hands right before the judge's eyes.

> ### *Lawson Will Stick as Long as He Has Life and a Dollar Left*
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> **"I give my time, my energy, my story and my money freely.**
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> *—Thomas W. Lawson in advertisement of January Instalment of "Frenzied Finance."*

LAWSON DETAILS BAY STATE DEAL

The story of how the Bay State Gas Company, when controlled by J. Edward Addicks, fell into the hands of a receiver and was rescued is the chief feature of the disclosures made by Thomas W. Lawson in the instalment of his "Frenzied Finance" story which appears in the January number of Everybody's Magazine, out to-day.

Mr. Lawson also dips into the national election of 1896 and tells of the raising of $5,000,000 by the "System" to be expended in five doubtful States lest William Jennings Bryan be elected.

The rescue of the Bay State Gas Company from the receiver, during which two dress suit cases filled with money—$175,000—changed hands in a Wilmington, Del., courtroom, forms one of the amazing features of Mr. Lawson's story.

After the appointment of the receiver, and according to Mr. Lawson, after Addicks showed a "yellow" streak by threatening to kill himself if the worst happened, Addicks and Lawson agreed that the only way out of the difficulty was to have the receivership undone and the properties tied up released.

In reference to this Mr. Lawson says:

Rogers to Furnish Money.

"After a careful canvass of the situation it was settled that the only way out was for Rogers to furnish the money to release the receivership, in consideration of which accommodation Addicks should forfeit the old Boston companies to him through Bay State's failure to comply with the terms of the May contract, which matured the following Monday. Rogers would administer these companies in trust, applying their earnings to the liquidation of the bonds, and after these latter had been paid off would turn them back to the Bay State Company for the benefit of its stock; or he would release the companies to us whenever we could raise the money to redeem them.

"Thus Rogers would make sure of the amount of his original investment, the million dollars profit the May 1 deal permitted him, while I should have secured for my friends and the public the amount of their investment in the property and a good profit for the stockholders to boot. To secure Addicks's consent to this arrangement was the difficulty, and there was but one condition that would induce him to give way—his terrible plight in case the receivership became permanent.

Rogers Wary of Trap.

"Having reached this point, the next problem was how to get the money. Rogers refused absolutely to be a party to any payment that could be traced back to him, over the stairs and out of doors.

He canvassed the sources of hazard; first through treachery on the part of Foster, Braman, or Addicks, he might be accused of bribing a court officer, the receiver; Addicks might blackmail him by charging him with conspiracy, or a conspiracy charge might be brought by Bay State stockholders, and he be held for tremendous damages. He refused to put himself into any such trap. I put forward a dozen ways to meet the emergency, but he would have none of them.

"Finally he suggested a method which was certainly perfect of its kind. He began by letting me into the secret that unless something radical were done, Bryan would surely win. Hanna had called into consultation half a dozen of the biggest financiers in Wall street, and it was decided to turn at least five of the doubtful States.

$5,000,000 to Beat Bryan.

"To do this a fund of $5,000,000 had been raised under Rogers's direction, to be turned over to Mark Hanna and Osborne, through John Moore, the Wall street broker, who was acting as Rogers's representative in collecting the money. It would be legitimate for the national committee to pay out money to carry Delaware, and he, Rogers, would arrange it that the coin to satisfy Braman and Foster should come through this channel. Thus he would be completely protected.

"'Lawson,' said Mr. Rogers, looking at me with intense and deadly seriousness, his voice charged with conviction, 'if Bryan's elected, there will be such a panic in this country as the world has never seen, and with his money ideas and the crazy-headed radicals he will call to Washington to administer the nation's affairs, business will surely be destroyed, and the working people will suffer untold misery.

Calamity in Bryan's Election.

"'You know we all hate to do what Uncle Mark says is necessary, but it's a case of some of us sacrificing something for the country's good. Bryan's election would set our country back a century, and I believe it's the sacred duty of every honest American to do what he can to save his land from such a calamity.'

Having clearly set forth the political situation through which we should be saved, Mr. Rogers proceeded to map out my own programme. First, I must perfect an alibi for him by going to Foster and Braman, and impressing them that he was absolutely out of the affair, and must under no circumstances be brought into it; next, I must convince Addicks to the same effect, and in addition tell him that Mr. Rogers had angrily refused to get into the mix-up, that I should then hold myself in readiness to meet John Moore and Hanna or Osborne as soon as an appointment could be arranged.

Rogers Out of It.

"That afternoon I got the word and went to No. 6 Broadway, and from there Mr. Rogers and I went over to John Moore's office, slipping in the private door from the rear street.

"'John,' said Mr. Rogers, 'I am going to turn this matter over to you and Lawson, and I am to have nothing further to do with it. What you two agree to will be satisfactory to me, and, remember, both of you, every dollar that is paid is paid by the National Committee, but after it's settled, and if there is no slipup, I will look to Lawson for whatever is expended. Is it understood?'

"We agreed that it was, and Rogers left us.

The closing deal by which the company was rescued and turned over to Rogers, according to Lawson, took place in Judge Wales's court room at Wilmington, Del. Mr. Lawson says:

Wanted Fees in Separate Piles.

"Immediately on the release of the receivership, Foster and Braman were to be paid their fee, and they asked that the $175,000 cash coming to them should be arranged in separate piles of bills. The two packages containing Foster's and part of Buchanan's, and Braman's $50,000 were to be in the custody of John Moore's representative and my partner, who, with Rogers's counsel and Addicks, had been assigned to represent Bay State in the court.

"The dramatis personae were gathered in little groups representing the separate interests—Addicks and some of his lieutenants, my partner at the telephone, John Moore's partner and Rogers's counsel with their heads together; Braman and Foster nearer the judge, their eyes wandering toward two dress-suit cases piled before John Moore's partner, which, it was understood, contained the money.

Loot in One of the Bags.

At a glance it was impossible to tell the one containing Buchanan's share from the other laden with the receivership loot, but each was tagged, and it was evident that possibilities of a mix-up had been carefully guarded against. Behind Braman was his clerk, and in the rear of the court room sat as many of Addicks's thugs as could squeeze into the narrow space reserved for spectators. They, too, eyed the dress suit cases avidly, for the information had been passed around that these innocent receptacles contained the 'stuff' of which the 'Boss' was about to be robbed.

"Court came to order. Foster rose, announced that the claims of his client had been satisfied, and made a formal motion to dismiss the receivership. Judge Wales formally consented, and as the clerk of the court was entering the dismissal in his minute-book my partner telephoned the facts to me. I sent back the word that my directors were resigning—had resigned—that Rogers's directors were being elected—had been elected—that the Boston gas companies were now transferred to Rogers. My partner whispered my words to John Moore's partner and Rogers's counsel.

At once the two dress-suit cases each loaded with currency, were slipped to Braman and Foster. Simultaneously the messenger who was to telephone to their broker rose and quickly left the court room. A brief time longer was consumed in signing receipts, certificates and other legal papers, and then the performance was over. Addicks rose and went out among his henchmen in the rear, who eagerly surrounded him. In the Bustle Braman and Foster, each with his own booty, fled.

"Braman and Foster, as I have observed before, knew their business. The danger to which $175,000 in currency would be exposed, in a territory controlled by Addicks, had appealed to their cautious instincts, and once outside the court room they literally took to their heels and ran for a corner of the railway yard, where awaiting them was a special car and engine. They jumped aboard, yelling to the engineer: 'Let her go.'"

BOSTON MAN BUYS RAILWAY

The Middleboro, Wareham and Buzzards Bay and the Bristol County Street Railway companies were bought at receivers' sales by a syndicate, at the head of which is Charles F. Choate of Boston, who is believed to have been acting for the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railway Company.

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To Policy-Holders
To Investors:**

When I began my story of "Frenzied Finance," I figured the cost I would be compelled to pay—time, money, misery, perhaps death.

My story's hardly under way and already I am beginning to pay the awful price.

But great benefits cannot come to a great people unless some one pays the price.

The work I am doing is a great one. The benefits to the people will be tremendous. Why should I not pay the awful price?

I am willing to pay any price if I can only get my whole story to the whole people.

But I cannot get it to them unless they assist me in the only way they can—

By absorbing my story.

Already "The System" has found the real weak spot in my work.

Each copy of a 10-cent magazine costs the publishers more than they receive for it.

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Even then the limit of the number they can publish is about 600,000.

All over that number draws on their pockets, unless they can get a price for advertising commensurate with their circulation.

There should be at least 3,000,000 copies sold each month to supply the people with the real Crimes of Amalgamated, which begin in the February number, and The Remedy, which follows.

The only possible way to do this is to raise the price of the magazine to 15 cents, which has been done.

I therefore appeal to those who are to receive the benefits of my story—all the people—to buy the magazine, and

See that the great advertisers, who are absolutely dependent upon the people for their very existence, patronize Everybody's Magazine,

Or it cannot even be sold at 15 cents.

Already the great advertisers who can be influenced by "The System" are being worked upon.

The receipts from advertising this month are $15,000 less than last, and

More withdrawals are threatened.

I intend to write a chapter on this phase of "frenzied finance," giving the names and the histories of those advertisers who are allowing themselves to be bulldozed by "The System."

This war has been begun in deadly earnest, and I intend to strike back.

If there is an insurance president, a soap maker, a banker, who has not the manliness to stand up against "The System," I intend to let the American people know it, that they may discontinue the purchase of his goods in favor of those who have the fairness and pluck to stand up and be counted.

I have not a dollar's interest in Everybody's Magazine, directly or indirectly.

I give my time, my energy, my story and my money freely.

Already this work has cost me personally hundreds of thousands of dollars, and before I am through it will probably cost me millions, but I will stick as long as I have life and a dollar left.

If these should be taken, the people will, if only a sufficient number read my first chapters, find a way to—finish what I have begun.

Therefore, I most earnestly appeal to every man and woman to assist my work by securing a copy of Everybody's Magazine, and urging others to do so.

Last month the entire edition was sold in the first week, and this month's, although 100,000 larger, will probably be sold out in the first day or two.

The next issue will be limited only by the facilities of the publishers to handle it.

I can write the story, pay the enormous advertising expenses of getting it before the public, and hold myself ready to pay the penalty of my work, but that's all I can do.

THE PEOPLE MUST DO THE REST—DO IT!

Boston, December 20, 1904.

THOMAS W. LAWSON.

(Remember I pay for this advertisement. I alone am responsible for it.)

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O'BRIEN WINS OVER ANDY DALY

Rouse O'Brien won glory for himself and the Peninsula burg by getting a win over Andy Daly at the end of the ruggedest ten-round scrapping affair that has been on the boards at the Cambridge Athletic Club for many meetings.

Daly, the hero of hundreds of fiery battles, was thought to be too crafty with the mitts for such a youthful aspirant for fistic honors as the stripling O'Brien, but his cleverness failed to avail against the aggressive and persistent tactics of the South Boston puncher, and he was forced to acknowledge defeat.

Daly substituted for George Murray almost at the last minute and did not have all his speed, but was there with his flashy mitt wielding, and kept his younger opponent guessing going most of the distance. His lacking in form counted against him, and he played for time continually in clinches.

The bout was brimful of showy action and stiff welting by both boys, and they proved masters in the art of escaping dangerous wallops. Time and again chunks of air was sliced by swings that went astray by the receiver doing some shifty duck work.

O'Brien's Fast Footwork.

O'Brien was especially alert on the quick-step in getting out of harm's way, and led Daly a merry chase jumping in with unexpected sharp left slings, that eventually brought the ruby from Daly's breating outlet.

O'Brien had instructions to pound Daly's breathing apparatus, and the little fellow made a strong effort to get inside and cop the trick, as Daly's pouch looked inviting and hardly able to stand too much attention; but Daly was wise and took particular pains to guard his diaphragm, and Rouse had difficulty in closing in without getting a vigorous return.

Daly got his left going low when whipping it in on the body, and was roundly hissed while being cautioned by the referee. O'Brien gave indications of distress from the foul blows, but refused to let it pheaze him.

It only made the South Boston boy wrathy, and he tore in in a wild frenzy to beat Daly down by overwhelming strength. They roughed it on the ropes and rolled on the floor, and Daly was good at this game.

When half the distance was covered Daly showed some signs of weariness, while O'Brien kept pegging away with renewed spirit, as his perfect form gave him extra advantage. Though Daly showed less steam going to the windup, O'Brien was cautious, as the former always had a swing ready to uncork that migh have done damage had it reached the mark.

O'Brien kept gaining going to the last session and landed over on the head, but good blocking by Daly saved him any disastrous results.

South Boston to the Rear.

There was lots doing in the six-round bout between Billy Glover, another slasher from the Peninsula district, who stepped along with Dave Deshler, of Cambridge.

They let out every link and lost most of their stamina before they had reeled off a few rounds.

Both boys had bunches of swats that were let loose, but were stout physically and could take the gruelling without a whimper.

Deshler had a well timed left that connected regularly with Glover's frontispiece and kept him from getting in his best work, and in mixing it Deshler was always ready and gave as good as he took.

The decision went to Deshler by a small margin.

The semi-final bout with Ben DeBarry, of Winthrop and Providence, and Sam Harris, fresh from several conquests on the other side of the briny, arrayed against each other, was full of hard counters.

DeBarry, a colored scrapper, had an awful wallop, but could not make use of it, as Harris was looking for a chance to drive home his right to the wind region. They swapped the heavy wallops for four rounds and Harris reached his object in the fifth and had DeBarry gasping on the floor for the count.

Young Gaines, of Cambridge, made Harry Leonard, of the same burg, take to the uncut timber before the first round was completed in the initial tapping mill.

LOCAL BOWLERS BUSY AS EVER

BY TEN STRIKE.

GAMES TO-NIGHT.

Elevated League—Bartlett vs. Auditors; Wires and Conduits vs. M. P. M.

Newspaper League—Globe vs. American.

Insurance League—J. C. Paige vs. George D. Carpenter; Aetna Life vs. Employers' Liability.

Commercial League—South Shore vs. Beacon; Emerson vs. Curtis.

Mercantile League—Langley-Burr vs. American Hide and Leather; Cobb, Bates & Yerxa vs. R. H. White; Brooks vs. Samuel Ward.

Attleboro League—Regnell & Bigney vs. Fontneau & Cook.

Corporation League—American Express vs. Western Union; N. E. Telephone vs. United Shoe.

Here is a new world's record, and it is one that is likely to stand unequalled for many a day. It was made with the big balls on Schlusing's alleys, New York City, by the five men named in the duplicate score. The total is 1,175, and it stands as an attested world's record, although not made in a tournament. The members of the Algonquin team are receiving congratulations from all over the country. Here is the score:

ALGONQUIN CLUB.

Smith ...	29	49	66	86	106	126	156	186	216	245
Diederick..	20	50	80	109	129	149	179	209	239	269
Watt	9	18	38	57	75	94	114	143	163	182
Moynahan.	20	50	80	107	126	135	165	195	225	254
Wyman...	29	49	68	87	106	126	156	185	205	225
Totals...	107	216	332	446	542	630	770	918	1048	1175

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That terrific cross-alley ball of Littlefield's has placed him at the top of the Amateur Boston Pin League. Although Simson, of the Old Dorchester Club, has done some fine work in the past few matches, he is not leading by a long ways.

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Dudley evidently means to hold first place in the Massachusetts Interclub League, having won nearly every game that they have played.

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The star Newtowne roller, Sawyer, by his steady work, made a big jump in the Massachusetts Interclub standing, and is now very near the top of the ladder.

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Charlestown is leading the Amateur League, thanks to the work of Gordon, who last night was rolling higher than ever.

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That slow curve ball of Hapgood's proved to be the hot goods, for it won the match for his fast-going aggregation.

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Stiles, of the Kernwood quintet, of the Tri-County League, did some exceptionally fine work. Bailey, of the Oxford team, did some good work, and is fighting hard for first place honors.

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There was some fun at the Chauncey street alleys when the various teams of the Commercial League clashed.

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Rouse of the Carruth team of the City League is certainly upholding his record as being one of the best rollers in that organization. His three-string total was a corker.

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There was a double-header in the Seed League and the Carruth alleys was packed to the doors.

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It is expected that there will be a crowd of rooters on hand when Jimmy Meyers' Specials meet the Harvard Square Specials at the latter's alleys to-night. Jimmy is looking for three straight.

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Although Newtowne Boat is not leading the Newton League their crack roller, Buntin, has proved himself to be about as good a man as there is in the league. He has a vicious curve ball that cuts the pins down in fine style.

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Maybe "Lucky" Baldwin of the Noddle Island alleys wasn't knocking the pins down in fine style. Just leave it to him.

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It was very quiet on the local alleys last night.

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Grange says that he is not going as fast as last year, but those who know him say that he is better now than ever.

$100.00 Life Insurance Free to every reader of next Sunday's BOSTON SUNDAY AMERICAN.

"ONLY TWO OF US, MANSFIELD AND I," SAYS CHAMP JEFF

In speaking of his acting Jeffries says: "Say, there are only two of us left, Mansfield and myself. At one time there was a fellow named Booth, but he is dead now. Some people say Frank Mayo made a better Davy Crockett, but I have killed more wolves in one night than he ever did in a week. Then I give the people more for their money. Look at my bout with Joe Kennedy. Why, I outpoint him every night, and Joe could put Mayo down for the count in a single round. Oh, this acting is great business, but for me the mitts with a good live fighter in front of me."

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A Pittsburg sport promoter is trying to arrange for a wrestling match to be held in that city next month, in which the principals are to be Tom Sharkey, ex-pug, and a famous Jap wrestler. In this connection the statement is made that boxing and wrestling bouts are to be held weekly in Pittsburg during the present Winter. This announcement is followed with the declaration that the ban on mitt encounters in the city has been raised, and that they will hereafter be held without danger of being interfered with by the Public Safety Department.

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The Milwaukee Boxing Club may call off the proposed bout between Aurelio Herrera and Maurice Sayers for December 23 until after the holidays, as they fear the date is a poor one.

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Perhaps the victory scored by Jimmy Gardner over Jack O'Keefe will hurry along a match with Jimmy Britt, as that is what the Lowell boy is after before he returns to the East. A win over O'Keefe in the West will send Gardner's stock along in good style, and he should be in line to meet the winner of the Britt-Nelson match.

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Kid Williams would like to reverse the decision that Solly Myers, the champion of Brockton, holds over him, and is willing to wager a small side bet on the result of a match, if one can be arranged.

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Johnny Burns, of New York, who has been out of the game for the past year, is looking for trouble. Burns is not particular as to whom he meets, giving Jimmy Briggs, of Chelsea, Mass.; Jig Stone, of Charlestown, Mass., the preference. Burns when right can cope with any of the 133-pounders.

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Matty Matthews, the ex-welterweight champion, who recently secured a decision over Jack Fay, the welterweight champion of New Orleans, will probably be matched in a few days to fight Sam Langford, the colored lightweight, of Boston, for fifteen rounds, before one of the numerous boxing clubs in New England.

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Willie Fitzgerald is back in Chicago and has matches galore in prospect. He has had offers for a go with "Rube" Smith at Denver, to-morrow, another for a go with "Kid" Coffey at Detroit, Dec. 21, and another for a go against Perry Queenan before a Milwaukee club, and Charlie Haughton is said to be trying to think of an opponent for Fitzgerald for an early date in St. Louis. Fitzgerald, according to his manager, John Reid, will challenge the winner of the Nelson-Britt fight and also the winner of the bout between O'Keefe and Gardner.

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Sam Bolen, the colored lightweight, is out after a match with Willie Fitzgerald, of Brooklyn. Bolen claims that Fitzgerald has been side-stepping him for the past two years, while he has had several good offers to meet the colored boy in the ring. Fitz cannot draw the color line, says Bolen, as he has fought Joe Gans and is quoted as being after him again.

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There are few boys in the boxing game with better reputations than Dave McNeil of Chelsea, who is out to fight anybody in his grade. Budreau is another boy who has been taking the measure of a lot of the little fellows hereabouts and he has this to say, "Seeing the challenge of Dave McNeil and also that of Kid Barry I would be willing to take either of them on at 122 pounds, but should prefer Dave McNeil."

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Kid McCoy recently said that he will write his permanent address "Los Angeles, Cal.," after his fight with Twin Sullivan.

Somebody told Sullivan about it.

"Sure," said Twin, "he won't feel much like travelling for a while."

McCoy, so the Los Angelenos claim, has been getting ready for his fight without training hard. McCoy has tried that before. He played at Muldoon's door for a week and then fought Kid Carter in Philadelphia. Carter beat him to a frazzle.

McCoy ought to know all about this without-training way of fighting. He fought Tommy Ryan several years ago, when Ryan was fighting on the level. By a trick McCoy caused Ryan to drop training in anticipation of an easy snap. McCoy sneaked away to the country and tore off about eight hours of work a day—and then he gave Ryan the thrashing of his life.

Perhaps McCoy is playing a similar trick on Twin Sullivan.

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Here is a lisp from up Manchester way: "I accept the defi of Luther Manuel, of Providence, at 135 pounds, and will meet him at the BOSTON AMERICAN office any time to arrange the match."—Kid McCoy, of Manchester, N. H.

KELLY AFTER JIM GARDNER

By Boston American Leased Wire.

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—Jimmy Kelly, the lightweight of this city, who has been expecting a chance to meet Joe Gans, the lightweight champion, at Baltimore, writes that he is open to meet Jimmy Gardner, the Lowell, Mass., lightweight, who beat Jack O'Keefe, of Chicago, a few nights ago in Butte, Montana.

MURPHY WON OVER FARREN

Special to the Boston American.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 20.—In one of the hardest battles ever fought at the Nonpareil A. C., Kid Murphy successfully defended his title of 105-pound champion against Jimmy Farren, of this city, in a fifteen-round bout. The loser had an advantage in weight, but Murphy offset this by the life he put into his work.

CANOLE WILL MEET LEWIS

Special to the Boston American.

PORTLAND, Me., Dec. 20.—Martin Canole, of Fall River, has been matched to meet Willy Lewis, of New York, in this city next Monday night. Lewis has been fighting well for the past two months knocking out nearly every man he has met. On the other hand, Canole hasn't fought to any extent since he met Jimmy Gardner, Labor Day last.

O'BRIEN MADE POOR SHOWING

Special to the Boston American.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 20.—The fight fans who witnessed the bout between Jack O'Brien and Morris Harris, before the Washington Sporting Club, were far from satisfied with the showing made by the above pair of mitt artists. In the first three rounds O'Brien was the aggressor, Harris covering up cleverly and warding off every blow directed to him. The last three rounds were just a reversal of the earlier periods.

"BART" DREW WITH REED

Special to the Boston American.

PORTLAND, Me., Dec. 20.—Joe Reed, of Lynn, and Bartley Connolly, of this city, fought ten rounds to a draw before the Pastime A. C., of this city. When the final gong sounded both men were still slugging away at each other and both apparently very fresh. Young Nelson and Paul Jones gave a fast exhibition for four rounds, as did Walter Lamout and Eddie Murphy for six rounds.

BUTLER VICTOR OVER HUB MAN

Special to the Boston American.

BUFFALO, Dec. 20.—Nat Butler of Cambridge, defeated Louis Mettling of Boston by a quarter of a lap in the three-mile motor-paced race at the indoor bicycle meet at Convention Hall. Gus Lawson of Buffalo defeated Frank Caldwell of Bristol by a half a lap in the five-mile motor-paced race, and Harry Downing of Los Angeles vanquished Charles Turville of Philadelphia in the seven-mile motor-paced race.

COLLEGES IN WRESTLING LEAGUE

Special to the Boston American.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—Columbia University enthusiasts have made rapid progress in the past week toward the creation of an Intercollegiate Wrestling League in which Yale, Pennsylvania, Cornell and Princeton have promised to take an active interests. Efforts are now being made to form regular 'varsity teams at all of these colleges, with a view of making this sport a regular athletic feature in the Winter schedules.

Yesterday the Columbia committee acquired the services of George Fisher, formerly a trainer of Champion George Bothner, who has been engaged to take full charge of the Blue and White candidates. President Ward, of the Morningside Club, has issued a general call for candidates, and to-day the trying-out bouts for places on the team begin.

Coach Fisher will divide the men into their respective classes, and work will then begin in earnest. After the Christmas holidays, the Schedule Committee, consisting of Beale, Lichtig and Ward, will announce the list of matches for the coming year.

It is hoped that Harvard will also join the league.

ATHLETES FORM VARSITY CLUB

Seventy Harvard athletes made merry at the complimentary dinner tendered them in the Harvard Union, and at the conclusion a "varsity club" was formed, to be made up of all the men in the university at the present time who are entitled to wear the "H."

Sixty-six athletes at present, members of the university, attended the dinner. Speeches were made by several prominent graduates, Dr. Nichols, B. G. Waters, D. S. Dean, R. D. Wrenn and W. F. Garselan, as well as by the four 'varsity captains, Hurley, Randall, Tilley and Schick. The meeting was entirely informal, and all the big fellows mixed up in the most friendly style.

BURDICK WILL BE KEPT BUSY

Special to the Boston American.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 20.—Arrangements have been completed for a mill between Johnny Burdick, of New York, and Young Erne, the clever featherweight, also of Gotham, at the Richmond A. C., Saturday next. During the latter part of next month Burdick will clash with Young Donohue before the Pittsfield A. C., of Pittsfield, Mass.

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JABEZ WHITE TO CHALLENGE THE WINNER

By Boston American Leased Wire.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—When the winner is returned in the great Nelson-Britt battle to-night, Charley Mitchell, the ex-heavyweight champion of England, will challenge the victor in behalf of Jabez White, the lightweight champ of Great Britain.

Mitchell says that White will come to this country, if necessary, and battle either Battling Nelson or Jimmy Britt.

"Of course, he wants to meet the best man on this side," said Mitchell, "and that will be the winner of that fight in 'Frisco tonight. I believe that if White fought the American champ, it would prove one of the greatest fights that ever took place, and it would decide the championship of the world, too."

When asked if he would make a side bet in case White encountered either Britt or Nelson, Mitchell said that he wouldn't place any money on the fight unless he got the prevailing odds. Mitchell said on account of the numerous American victories over English champs, the native boy would surely be the favorite.

LUSH WILL COACH YALE

Special to the Boston American.

NEW HAVEN, Dec. 20.—The Yale athletic committee has engaged Billy Lush, of the Cleveland Baseball Club, to coach the Yale nine during the Winter and the early part of Spring. Negotiations have been pending with Lush for some time, and they were only closed to-day. This will make the first time since '94, when John Clarkson was at the head of the diamond squad, that Old Eli has hired a professional coach.

QUAKER TEAM WINS AGAIN.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 20.—James Potter and H. Davids won over Philip Stockton and G. R. Fearing in the supplementary match in the Boston and Philadelphia intercity racquet match. The two teams mentioned played Saturday, but owing to the darkness the game didn't end satisfactorily, and they concluded to play it over again.

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NELSON IN FINE FORM AND SO IS BRITT FOR THEIR BIG CHAMPIONSHIP FIGHT IN THE RING AT SAN FRANCISCO TO-NIGHT

Californian Is Slight Favorite in the Betting, but the Battling One Has No End of Admirers, and He Has Put Several Large Commissions on Himself. Chicago Boy Expects Britt Will Have Better of First Few Rounds.

NELSON SAYS HE'LL SURELY WIN BOUT

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 20.—Battling Nelson has just said to the AMERICAN reporter:

"I am in No. 1 condition. I could not be better if I were made to order. I expect to put up the fight of my life to-night, and I'll surely win."

"BRITT WILL DEFEAT NELSON," SAYS MAN WHO HAS FOUGHT THEM BOTH

BY "YOUNG CORBETT."

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 20.—Britt will win in my opinion. Having met both Britt and Nelson, I ought to have a pretty good line on their respective merits. Although a good many will not agree with me, I look for the contest to go the limit. This is because I do not think that either man has a knockout blow. Of course, there is always a chance for a fellow to get in a blow and end it right there, but my experience with both fighters has shown me that they lack the necessary force. With the men going the limit I think Britt will win on points, for he is the cleverer boxer of the pair.

BY W. W. NAUGHTON.

By Boston American Leased Wire.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 20.—Everything is ready for the big fight to-night between Britt and Nelson.

Frisco has never been so crowded with sports as it is to-day, and Mechanics' Pavilion will hold a record crowd. Both fighters are ready for the bell.

"I expect to be made a punching bag of for the first two rounds," said Battling Nelson while discussing the contest. "It will be a surprise to me if I am not well hammered at the start, for I figure that Britt has it on me in cleverness and will be able to shoot them in while he is good and fresh. But he wont hurt me, though, and I hope if there are any wise Nelson men around the ring they will snap up whatever bets are offered while Jimmy is knocking me around. I am used to taking my medicine in the early stages of a fight.

"I expected to get my customary dose in the opening rounds of my go with "Young Corbett," and there was no one more astonished than I was at "Corbett's" failure to pummel me. Those who have watched me in my fights know that I don't get discouraged very easily. I may look like a 3 to 1 shot in the first five rounds of the contest with Britt, but after that it will go to even money. Then it will be Nelson favorite, and then Nelson wins."

"You'll excuse me for being so sporty in my talk, but I've got so many commissions to execute for my home folks that all my thoughts are turned to betting," added the Dane. He displayed letters enclosing checks varying in amount from $20 to $500.

"I think it will be a bit of a sensation out there at the pavilion when I begin to turn the tables on "Jimmy" said Nelson.

"I see where he told you he considered himself stronger than I. He may be—for a spurt—but I don't think he has the staying power that I have.

"To copy Jimmy's expression, 'I may be wrong,' but I don't think so. One thing he can rely upon—if he defeats me I'll be the first to grasp his hand and say 'You're a better fighter than I am.' But, of course, he will have to defeat me fairly and squarely to earn a compliment of that kind. If I lose through an accident or if he gains a decision that I don't think he is entitled to, I won't be tossing any posies to him. I'll be after him for a return match.

Wants to Win Fairly.

"Some tall sizing up going on just now, isn't there?" remarked the Durable Dane. "I see where Papa Britt thinks it isn't fair to compare my Canole and "Young Corbett" fights with Jimmy's, because Jimmy licked them both with a broken arm. Well, all I have to say is it will be a piece of bad luck for Jimmy if his arm gets broken to-night. He'll never last any twenty rounds or twenty-five, if it does. At that, I'd prefer to beat him without accident."

Nelson was under weight to-day. He took a short walk in the morning and weighed 131 pounds after his rubdown. In the afternoon he will go strolling again with friends and then rest till it's time to go to the ring.

Incidentally, the men who make a practice of holding bets do not expect to see any 2 to 1 betting. At Harry Corbett's, where sports of opposite views meet to bind their bargains in the wagering line, the price all day was 10 to 7, with Nelson coin not over plenty.

The puzzling part of it is that wherever discussions were in progress the conclusion usually arrived at was that the chances of the men appeared to be equal. The only reason adduced for Britt being the favorite is the contest is going to take place in Britt's town.

Win or lose, Nelson will start for home soon after the contest, so as to spend New Year's with his relatives in Hegewisch.

"Young Corbett" announced that he would challenge the winner of to-night's contest from the ringside.

Jimmy Britt spent a comparatively restful morning at the Beach. The regular schedule of work being dispensed with, he was allowed to slumber until the sun was high. After breakfast he took a brisk walk along the park roads and then enjoyed a shower and a rub down. His weight was within a fraction of 132 pounds, and he was satisfied that he would drop below the required notch without further exercise.

Spider Kelly, who has supervised Britt's training, believes that the contest will be replete with body punches of the fiercest kind, and that the endurance of both men will be thoroughly tested.

"I think Britt will surprise his most ardent admirers," said Kelly. "His body blows go like a shot from a cannon. And let me tell you something. When Joe Gans, with all his cleverness and coolness, could not stop Jimmy's rib benders, I don't see how Battling Nelson is going to avoid them."

WALSH WILL MEET WINNER

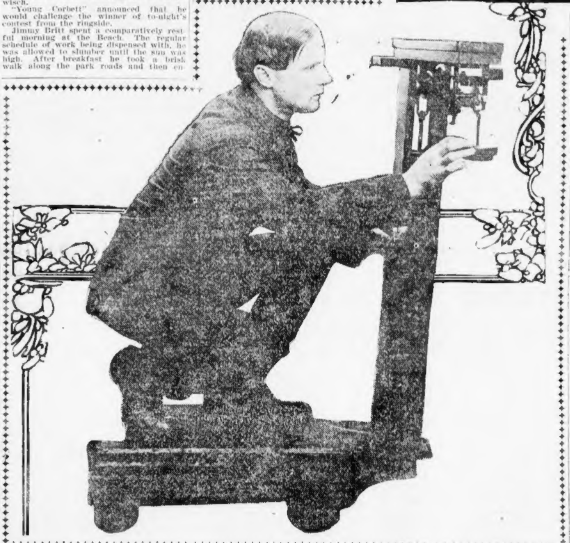
Special to the Boston American.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 20.—Jimmy Walsh, of Boston, who fought Joe Bowker a draw in England before Bowker had won from Frankie Neil, has wired his acceptance of weights and conditions and will fight the winner of the Regan-Attell battle. The weight will be 116 pounds.

SCENES AT CAMPS OF BRITT AND NELSON

(These photographs were taken for the Boston American at Nelson and Britt's quarters.)

BATTLING NELSON OUT FOR A LARK.



JIMMY BRITT ON THE SCALES.

BRITT IS FAVORITE WITH NEW YORK

PRINCIPAL BOUTS OF BRITT AND NELSON.

BRITT.				NELSON.			
Result.	Opponent.	Rds.	Date.	Result.	Opponent.	Rds.	Date.
Beat	Toby Irwin	20	1902	Lost	Eddie Santry	6	1902
K. O.	Tim Hegarty	8	1902	Draw	Clarence English	15	1903
K. O.	Kid Lavigne	8	1902	Lost	Charley Neary	6	1903
K. O.	Frank Erne	7	1902	Beat	George Memsic	6	1903
*Lost	Jack O'Keefe	6	1903	Beat	Clarence English	15	1903
Draw	Jack O'Keefe	20	1903	K. O.	Art Simms	3	1904
Beat	Willie Fitzgerald	20	1903	K. O.	Spider Welch	16	1904
Beat	Charley Sieger	20	1903	K. O.	Martin Canole	18	1904
Beat	Martin Canole	25	1903	K. O.	Eddie Hanlon	19	1904
Beat	"Young Corbett"	20	1904	Beat	Aurelio Herrera	20	1904
*Lost	Joe Gans	5	1904	Won	"Young Corbett"	10	1904

*Foul.

By Boston American Leased Wire.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—Jimmy Britt still continues favorite over Battling Nelson in the local betting. There was renewed activity in the betting in this city to-day, some of the heaviest wagers yet recorded being made on the outcome of the encounter.

In many instances ten to nine was laid on Britt, while in many smaller wagers as good as ten to eight was offered. One of the most important wagers made was made by Johnny Considine at the Metropole Hotel when he laid $1,000 against $900 on Britt. Bob Rose, the bookmaker, took the short end.

Considine is a great admirer of Britt, and notwithstanding Nelson's victory over "Corbett," he believes that the Californian will prove his superiority over the Dane either by a knock out or getting the decision on points.

Considine still has a couple of thousand dollars which he will wager on Britt at the prevailing odds.

Several wagers of small amounts were made at the uptown hotels where the merits of the rival boxers were discussed at length. Al Saunders placed several small commissions on Nelson.

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BRITT TIPPED TO WIN BOUT ON POINTS

Native Son Is Favorite With the Majority of Frisco Sports.

HOW NELSON MAY FIGHT

BY TAD.

By Boston American Leased Wire.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 20.—Sports are waiting for the going now as anxiously as a kid does for Xmas morning when he pipes the stocking to see what Santa Claus left. This will be a long day, and the dopists are working their heads off on stories concerning both men. Britt is the favorite with the majority, but they still look for him to win in the twentieth round. As one sport said:

"Britt always says before a fight that he intends going right in to finish his man. He says so this time, too, but you know he never knows what he will do until he tries his opponent out. Canole and all those other fellows went after this Nelson, trying to put him out, but you know what they got.

If Britt does that he's a sucker, and this is just where Nelson comes in. If Britt can only keep his head and stand off this fellow with long range work he's a winner, but let him butt in and—good night.

The Nelson men say that Battling will not allow Britt to fight away, but will keep in close all the time, making it an in-fighting scrap from the moment the gong rings. At this game Nelson is in a class by himself and his admirers are sure that the Dane will do as he says he will.

Nelson in Perfect Trim.

Nelson's right ear is out of gear a bit, and his forehead a bit bruised from the boxing Sunday, but he is in perfect trim. When the report landed about his arm being broken he almost collapsed with laughter. He said that Britt would be the best judge of that and jolted "Rawhide" Kelly in the side just to show his arm was not tissue paper.

The Dane was full of smiles and in the best of humor, joking and joshing with all in the camp. He seemed to care less about the fight than he did about next year's bean crop, and is about the coolest fellow on the map.

Teddy Murphy had decided to come over to the city, and while he was getting ready "Smiling" Metzner bought almost a sack of rice and loaded down the gang with it. Murphy started over and when the train pulled in Nelson grabbed him around the waist while the gang pelted him with shoes and rice until their arms were weary. Metzner wanted more luck to surely come to Larkspur and did his best.

The Dane will break camp at 2 o'clock and come over to the Adams Hotel in Frisco. Jeffries stopped here, and as it is near Corbett's, is a very popular hotel with the boxers.

Both boys will weigh in at 6 o'clock and Harry Corbett has issued tickets to keep the mob out.

Britt's Simple Life.

At the Seal Rock House Britt led the same simple life that Nelson did. In the morning he lounged around in the sun on the beach watching the seals and building sand houses. He ate lunch and in the afternoon strolled down the road toward Ingleside with Spider Kelly and Kreling.

Jimmy is at weight now and says that he is fit for a merry game with Nelson. The local boy looks grand; his clear skin and bright eyes tell of his fine shape, and if he is to be believed, 132 pounds of skin and bone could not be stronger or better. He says those who desire the strenuous life will be treated to a large dish after the referee yells "Let her go" to-night in the ring. James will come to town about 4 o'clock and go to his house on Briant street. He will go to Corbett's, weigh in and return home to wait until the time to get into the ring.

Teddy Murphy had just one thing to holler on, and that was the bandages.

"Britt will not be allowed to wear the tape on that arm," says the midget manager. "We have signed the articles, and they say that the hands may be bound. We don't intend to allow him to come in like an armored cruiser. Yes, I will holler over them, and I don't care what Britt says, he will have no tape on his arm. Battling is giving three pounds the best of the weight, and he can't have everything."

Nelson for the Stage.

Battling Nelson says that if he wins from Britt that he will go to Chicago first and then tour the East in vaudeville. He will appear in a boxing bout with Eddie Santry, but if they want him to do a monologue he says he will have to use his hands. If he loses he will stay here and meet McGovern or any other live 130-pounder.

Britt has not decided upon his future yet, but he will either visit London with Jimmy Coffroth or tour the country with a show. George Webster, his theatrical friend, will head the company. If he loses, James says he may go East, anyway, and get on in six-round bouts with the cream of his class.

Betting More Lively.

Harry Corbett's resort is crowded to the doors with sports who are betting their heads off. Odds are still 10 to 7, although they dropped to 10 to 6½. It was only for a few moments, however.

Sailors and sea fishermen are wagering every cent they have on the Dane, and this pulled the odds up again to the regular notch. It is hard to say just what ringside odds will be, but the general opinion is that Britt will rule a 10-to-6 favorite.

Teddy Murphy was advanced $1,000 by Coffroth and planted it immediately on his man at 10 to 7.

FAST HORSES TO RACE ON SPEEDWAY

Prospects are unusually good for the fifth matinee of the Metropolitan Club in its Christmas Silver Cup series, to be pulled off over a hard, fast road to-morrow afternoon. The races are half-mile heats, best two in three.

The public will under that the quarter-mile post chute is shut pending these contests, and no teams are allowed to enter the speedway while horses are scoring for a heat. The entries are:

Walter E. Farmer, Fashion; M. C. Harrison, Axtella; Arthur Gatfield, Fanfaron; Isaac Sexton, Nola Wilkes; George G. Johnson, Alice Sheld; C. H. Belleden, Susie K.; J. V. N. Stults, Roan Wilkes; Will Sexton, Tom Phair; T. F. Donnelly, My Chance; E. C. Smith, Lady Hilton; John R. Farnum, Sister Aida; W. D. Hunt, Topeka; M. C. Goodspeed, Navarra; J. H. Richardson, Colonel Ford; L. H. Brockway, Con; H. R. Balston, Little Bill; F. O. Guild, Fisca; Richard Lawrence, Captain Jack; J. J. Crabtree, Nebo; John Shepard, Senator L.; Eugene E. Morse, Rex; Walter Corbett, Navelite; M. A. Devine, Minturn; W. J. Furbush, Scape Goat; T. H. Hubbard, Colcath; Paul Herbert, Nettie G.; John Reardon, Egalit; Charles E. Pierce, Delegate; R. W. Robler, Bill McKie; Briggs Potter, Mr. Kunez; J. E. Craig, Brookdale Girl; M. J. Hardy, Lilly P.; J. E. Holden, Newland; L. E. Wheeler, Iron Age; Benjamin Pope, Bingen's Best; George F. Leonard, Chimes Girl; Robert Thompson, Whittin Wilkes; Fred Bellows, Helgamite; A. J. Furbish, Phebon W.; C. H. Keezer, Drummer Girl; Charles Leonard, Drummer Girl; M. A. Nevine, The Private.

YOUNG PETER DOESN'T CARE

BALTIMORE, Dec. 20.—Young Peter Jackson will meet the Dixie Kid before the Eureka A. C. of this city in a fifteen-round contest next Monday afternoon. Jackson has just come back from England, where he vanquished every pug he encountered. He is now in this country looking for gore and he doesn't care where he spills it.

WILL FIGHT AT 130.

Jimmy Burke, the Lawrence featherweight, is willing to give John A. Sullivan, of Gloucester, another chance. Burke fights at 126 pounds, but will oblige Sullivan on the weight question, allowing him to weigh in at 130 pounds. Burke or his manager will meet Sullivan's representative at the BOSTON AMERICAN to post a forfeit and complete arrangements for the match.

BLOCK NOW A MANAGER.

Kid Block announces that he has turned manager and has Harry Gilman and Harry Long on his string, and will match Gilman against Billy Davis at catchweights. He says the Cambridge club wants the bout if Davis will accept.

IKE WEIR TO TRAIN CHAMPS

Ike Weir, the "Belfast Spider," has been engaged by the Boston Americans as a trainer for the season of 1905. He was at one time the champion featherweight of the country. He is not only clever with his hands in a pugilistic way, but he is also an exceedingly clever piano player. He is also regarded as one of the best jockeys in this State.

Weir will start South with the team in March and will remain with them all season. He will have his hands full, as there will be twenty-two players on the list, and during the early months there will undoubtedly be many cases of sore joints which Weir will have to give his attention to. When President Taylor created the new position he had in mind the great success that greeted the innovation by the Giants last season.

RYAN TO MEET STIFT.

Special to the Boston American.

BENTON HARBOR, Mich., Dec. 20.—Tommy Ryan has been matched to meet Billy Stift, the Chicago, heavy, in this city, for ten rounds December 29.

THINK GARDNER A WONDER

Special to the Boston American.

BUTTE, Mont., Dec. 20.—Local fight fans who saw last week's magnificent performance of Jimmy Gardner against Jack O'Keefe are ready to back the Bay State boxer to the extent of $25,000 against the winner of to-night's Britt-Nelson bout.

Gardner, flushed with his brilliant victory over the formidable fighter from the city on the lake, says that he will sign articles with anyone in the world at his weight, Jimmy Britt or Battling Nelson preferred, and that he will wager every cent he possesses on the outcome.

BIKERS WILL RACE ABROAD

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—Judging by the number of fast bike riders that have signed contracts to race abroad next season, and those that are seeking foreign engagements, the racing season in this country in 1905 will be very dull. Frank Kramer and Major Taylor have signed contracts to race in Europe during the summer, and they will go to the Antipodes in the Winter.

The Bedell brothers are seeking European engagements, as are many others of their ilk. Lawson and McFarland are already abroad, the latter having business interests there. Moran, MacLean, Caldwell, and Sulkins are also seeking foreign engagements.

HAS AN OFFER FROM BOSTON

CORNING, N. Y., Dec. 20.—L. O. Burrell, the fast ball player, of the Southern League, is considering offers he has received to play with the Boston National and Baltimore teams.

SMALL TALK FOR BASEBALL FANS

Tranquility reigns supreme at the National headquarters in this city, and there is no information yet ready for the anxious fans.

"After Jan. 1," says President Soden, "we will decide on a manager," and that is all the information elicited by the pioneer of the baseball business in this city. Baseball matters are a dead letter with the triviners till the new year begins, and then there may be something doing.

"Will the managership be decided between two men?" was asked the astute leader. "Oh, not necessarily," he replied. "Is there any chance of an outside man being secured?" was asked. "Probably not, as we have no one under consideration just at present."

In regard to the Western dispatch that Chick Fraser might become an owner in one of the Iowa teams, President Soden said that it would not make any difference about his playing with Boston, as he must play here if with any team, as the agreement with Philadelphia in the exchange of players holds good.

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Tom Needham, the Boston National catcher, has gone on a bear hunt in the Kentucky mountains with Tim Flood, formerly second baseman of the Brooklyn club.

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Charles R. Pittenger, the star twirler of the Boston National League baseball team, who has been traded to the Phillies, has expressed himself as highly elated over the transaction.

"Pitt" began his days in the Cumberland Valley League of '96, composed of teams representing Martinsburg, Hagerstown, Chambersburg, Carlisle and Hanover. Pittenger played with both Chambersburg and Carlisle.

"Pitt" will be near his home in Carlisle, when playing with the Phillies, and naturally should be satisfied.

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Charley Nichols would evidently like to trade Davy Brain, his infielder, but he was unwilling to accept Abbaticchio in exchange when Uncle Bill Conant approached him on the subject.

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Pittsburg made strenuous efforts to get Tenney of Boston, but Soden and Conant wouldn't listen to a word. Barney Dreyfuss also offered Kruger for Pittenger, but there was nothing doing. The Pirate magnate was so anxious to get rid of some of his players that he finally handed over three of them to Philadelphia for an unknown outfielder.

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New Yorkers fear that the Los Angeles club will find some way to nullify the draft of "Doc" Newton, who has been chosen for the Highlanders, so that he can remain in California next season.

Boston will sympathize with Griffith if the deal falls to go through, as the Highlanders will need "Doc" to beat the Champs out.

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"The National League just at present reeks with syndicate ball," says Connie Mack. "Our rivals in Philadelphia are owned by Philadelphia men and by the owners of the Cincinnati and Pittsburg teams. No American League club owner has an interest in any other team than his own. Abel of Brooklyn and Conant of Boston hold stock in the New York Nationals, and it seems to be the finest example of syndicate ball known in many years."

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The National League has adopted a rule by which players removed from the game for kicking are fined $10, and the same amount is a daily infliction in case suspension follows the removal. The new rule is expected to put a stop to kicking. Such a measure is hardly needed in the American League, as the players cannot bulldoze the umpire, and they know it.

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Detroit is looking for a deal for Pitcher Frank Kitson. It takes Kitson too long to get into condition to suit the Michiganders.

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Harry Lumley, the Brooklyn outfielder, threatens to bolt unless his salary is given a large inflation for next season. Hanlon is not worrying over the threat.

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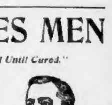
After a thrilling season on the coast there is a deadlock in the claim for the championship between Los Angeles and Tacoma, and it all hinges on a protested tie game in the last of the post-season series, which was evenly divided. Los Angeles protested the tie game on the decision of the umpire, who would not allow a batter to be called out on an infield fly that could not be fielded, with men on bases and none out. It looks like a case where the umpire was right.

MIAH MURRAY TO READ RETURNS

Local interest in the Britt-Nelson fight at San Francisco to-night has increased from the time the boys were matched, and all the fight fans are busy figuring out the winner and there is plenty of money being wagered on the favorite, Britt. The Hub sports will want to get the first news of the great bout which will go a great ways in determining the lightweight championship, and Miah Murray, whose headquarters is always the centre of the fight followers, has secured a special wire to be run to the Hub Theatre, where the details of the big battle will be ticked off as fast as the events happen.



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Boston American WOMAN'S Home Magazine

The True Christmas Spirit, By Alice Stone Blackwell

ALICE STONE BLACKWELL

A LITTLE GIRL went to church with her mother, and saw a contribution box passed for the first time in her life. Afterwards she whispered:

"Oh, mamma, what did you get? I got a quarter!"

She had thought the principle of the contribution box was the same as that of a grab bag.

In childhood our chief interest in Christmas centres around the question, What shall we get? How many presents and goodies will fall to our lot?

After we are grown up it centres around the question what we shall give—how much pleasure we can scatter among those dear to us.

This is the true spirit of Christmas. The chief happiness of the day comes not from what we get, but from what we give.

Anyone whose heart is filled with the true Christmas spirit will wish to spread Christmas joys outside the circle of his own immediate family, and to bring the warmth and brightness of the season into lives that are dark and cold.

There are old people, sick people, eccentric people, students away from home, the lonely teacher, the foreigner in a strange land—a multitude of those who need cheering up and a bit of human sympathy—and Christmas makes it easier to offer these without seeming intrusive.

It is a good rule to give the most to those who have the least, instead of choosing a costly present for a rich friend who does not need it, and rummaging the stores for a choice gift for some child in a luxurious home who will be heaped with toys anyway.

In cases where the giving of a considerable present to a friend who is poor might cause a burdensome sense of obligation, the gift can be sent anonymously.

To anyone imbued with the true Christmas spirit few things are better fun than thus playing Santa Claus in the dark.

Anyone who has wit, taste and a cheerful disposition can make a merry Christmas for the family at small expense. Comical birds and beasts cut out of paper and garnished with home-made rhymes, put beside each person's plate at the Christmas dinner, make more fun than costly table decorations.

The true Christmas spirit implies the dropping of all grudges, of every feeling of bitterness, and the substitution of a spirit of good will and kindness toward everyone.

We try to feel for one day as we ought to feel all the year round.

In preparing for Christmas let us clear all ugly feelings out of our hearts as diligently as we clean our rooms for the Christmas party, and fill our minds with cheerful thoughts as we adorn the house with holly and red berries.

Alice Stone Blackwell

By Ella Wheeler Wilcox

Parents Should Be Very Careful to Keep Their Children Away from Cruel Sights

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THAT was a nerve-shocking experience a mother in the country passed through, as related by the papers recently.

The woman, who lived on a farm, decapitated a chicken for dinner in the presence of her two small boys, three and five years of age.

Shortly after the mother found the urchins all ready to perform the same office for a baby sister a few months old. The infant's head was resting on the block and the axe was in the hand of one of the children ready to descend, when intercepted by the mother.

The mother has herself to thank for such a horrible experience.

Any man or woman should be made amenable to the law who allows a small child to witness the slaughter of animals.

Destructive and cruel tendencies are awakened in a child by such sights, and the reasoning faculties are not developed sufficiently to enable it to understand the suffering it entails.

Not long ago a beautiful baby of scarcely four years of age, with the eyes of an angel and the face of a rose, informed listeners that he liked to kill things, and he then proceeded to describe with delight the antics of a decapitated chicken.

The father is employed in raising poultry for market, and this exquisite child has been permitted to witness the slaughter. The father is one of the kindest and best of men, and has no idea that he is awakening the worst portions of his child's brain before any of the moral qualities are developed.

Children naturally do not understand what killing means, and do not realize anything about suffering or the sacredness of life until taught.

Even if a man believes the slaughter of animals to be a necessary business to pursue in order to keep the world wagging, and if he wishes to rear his son to succeed him in the work, he ought to protect his children from precocious impulses to slay.

Some of the most atrocious and blood-curdling crimes in the history of the world (the greater number I believe it might be proven by statistics) occur on farms. As much as the pastoral life is described by poet and authors as natural, wholesome and moral, a farm has always seemed to me the most cruel of places for a sensitive child to be reared.

I call recall my own sufferings at the sounds and sights on a farm—of mother animals deprived of their young, of large-eyed young calves driven away to market and of the awful preparation for butchering.

The tenement districts of a large city do not seem so destructive to the humane instincts of a child as free access to all the cruel occurrences which are called duties on a farm.

When sceptics laugh at the cranky vegetarian, who thinks animals should not be slain for food, they do not seem to take into consideration the brutalizing effect of this slaughter upon human beings.

So far as mere death goes, a slaughtered animal probably suffers less than the wild animal left to starve in the wilds or to die of old age. But the transportation of animals in Summer heat and Winter's cold across the plains and in crowded ships across the seas entails suffering beyond words to describe, and fosters and cultivates the worst elements in the minds of men. Some time ago that great actress and good woman, Minnie Maddern Fiske, wrote of this subject and said:

"It would be impossible to exaggerate the sufferings endured by these animals. At a point near Detroit, when a cattle car was unloaded, it was discovered that every animal had perished from the cold.

"Could not one side of each cattle car be covered with canvas? In this way the animals might be partially protected from the fierceness of the cold. Great ventilation, of course, is necessary, but it would seem that something might be done to relieve in a degree the torture of the prevailing method of Winter transportation."

ELLA WHEELER WILCOX.

Advice to the Lovelorn

By Beatrice Fairfax

DEAR MISS FAIRFAX:

I am a young lady about nineteen years of age and am in love with a young man about the same age. We have been neighbors for the past eight years, and I have loved him throughout that period of time. He has always shown a desire to be in my company, and seems to take pleasure in confiding his private affairs to me; but he has never spoken to me of love. He is not in a position to marry at present, but has prospects of earning a good salary in a few years.

Do you think that if he loved me he would express his love and ask me to wait, or do you think it probable that he is waiting until he is sure of earning money enough to support a wife?

Could you kindly suggest some way of testing his sentiments?

Do you think that I should endeavor to crush my love for him or should I continue to hope? PERPLEXED.

IT is hard to tell whether or no he has any love for you. He evidently feels a sincere friendship for you and has great confidence in you or he would not tell you his private affairs. Do not place too much hope on his loving you, as men are very changeable in matters of that sort. As for testing his sentiments, I think if I were you I would not attempt anything of that kind. You might spoil your friendship, and you don't want to do that, do you? If he does not soon show signs of a warmer feeling than friendship I am afraid he never will. Do not pin too much faith on him. Try being friends with some other man.

DEAR MISS FAIRFAX:

I am a girl past nineteen. I have been going with a fellow for two years. I love him a great deal, and I know he cares for me, because I often say many disgraceful things to him, but he never gets cross with me, and gives me my own way in everything; but he is younger than myself, and my friends say I should not go with him, because he is younger than I am. But he appears a great deal older. Please tell me if you would still keep company with him. DOROTHY.

Fitchburg.

THE difference in your age need not make any difference if you both really love each other. Why not let matters rest as they are, and pay no attention to what your friends say? After all, you are the only ones concerned in the matter, and I am sure that in the end everything will work out to your satisfaction.

DEAR MISS FAIRFAX:

I am a young lady twenty-five years old. There is a young man who has been keeping company with me for quite a long time. At first he called once a week and stayed quite late. Now he calls three times and stays still later. I like the young man and hate to hurt his feelings by sending him home earlier. What do you think you would do in my place? Am I encouraging the young man too much?

Boston. A. C. G.

I THINK you can tell the young man without hurting his feelings that you would rather he went home a little earlier. Considering that he calls on you three times a week, he should go home about 10 o'clock anyway. He should know this, and I do not see how he could possibly take offence, if you told him that you did not think it was just right for him to stay after that hour.

DEAR MISS FAIRFAX:

I met a young lady about one year ago and have been keeping company with her. Last Summer I took her around to pleasure resorts as much as I could afford to, and every other week I gave her an expensive box of candy. I am making a nominal salary, but a good part of it I give my parents to support them, so there is not much left for me. Lately my friend has been hinting to me that I do not take her out enough nor give her enough things. I do not go to see her as often now, because I do not like to hear her say things like that, as I am doing the best I can for her. What I would like to know is, should I stay away altogether, or can you kindly tell me what to say to her about it? I have been thinking it best to stay away, but she is my only girl friend and I would miss her. A. M. J.

I THINK she is a very selfish girl. You are a good son and worthy the love of some finer girl than this one seems to be. Do not spend more on her than you can afford to. If she keeps urging you to extravagance I would advise you to give her up. There are lots of nice girls in the world. Make a point of meeting other girls and see if you can't find a good friend among them.

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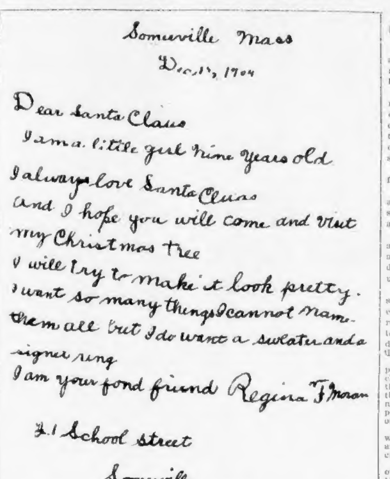
Shall Good Old Santa Claus Be Abolished?

AS Christmas approaches and the children are anticipating more keenly day by day the joy of obtaining the treasures that good old St. Nicholas has for them in his pack, the chorus of protest against the idea of doing away with Santa Claus grows more emphatic.

The stream of letters from young and old boys and girls, who hope through the BOSTON AMERICAN to arouse public sentiment in favor of the jolly Saint, increases in volume.

More letters on the subject will be welcome. They should be addressed to the Editor Woman's Page, BOSTON AMERICAN, 80-82 Summer street.



Somerville Mass

Dec 15, 1904

Dear Santa Claus

I am a little girl Nine Years old

I always love Santa Claus

And I hope you will come and visit

my Christmas tree

I will try to make it look pretty.

I want so many things I cannot name

them all but I do want a sweater and a

signet ring

I am your fond friend Regina F Moran

21 School street

Somerville.

Regina Moran, of Somerville, wants more things than she can name, but she suggests two to Santa Claus.

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21 School Street,

Somerville.

REGINA F. MORAN.

HAS WANTS FOR BROTHER AND SISTER

My Dear Santa Claws:

As I see some boys and girls writing to you so will I. I will tell you what I wood love to have: a set of furs and a slead and a book, and I have 3 little brothers. One Jemmie, 5 years, would like a par of rubber boots and slead and overcoat and mittins, and brother Tom, 4 years, wood like to have a slead and rubber boots and mittins, and brother John, 2 years, a rubber ball and a dolls, and pleas Santa Claws doant forget my Annie and Jennie my big sister for they want a par of skeets. Now good night dear Santa Claws. I hope you will get this letter and doant forget to call at my house, 81 Willow street, Chelsea, Mass.

LIZZIE LAUGHLIN.

Lizzie Laughlin, 6 year old the 24 of Dec. December 16, 1904.

P. S.—Whishing you a very marry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I am writing this letter in school. I go to Sister School. 81 Willow street, Chelsea. L. L.

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Dear Santa Claws: I wish you welth, I whish you helth, I whish you Heaven after death. What cud I whish you moor. L. L.

DO NOT EXPECT TOO MUCH

Dear Santa Claus:

I am writing you these few lines to let you know that I have tried to be a good boy and I hope you will be so kind as to come to our house and leave a few things for my little Sister, Brother and I. We hope that they will not take you away before. We do not expect too much as we know that you have lots of children to go to and we hope you will treat them good also, especily good to the poor boy and girls that have no Parents. I heard a man saying that they were trying to take you away, but I hope they do not, as all the children like you so very much. This is all I have to Say now, hoping to hear from you Christmas. Your Friend,

WALTER G McGINNISS.

No. 133 N street, South Boston.

COULDN'T ENJOY CHRISTMAS WITHOUT SANTA CLAUS

Editor Woman's Page.

Santa Claus should not be abolished because us children could not enjoy Christmas. The person who first started to argue on the question must think the children are enjoying themself to much. Yours truly,

MILDRED GRACE.

No. 170½ Congress avenue, Chelsea, Mass.; eleven years old.

PAPA IS NOT WORKING, SO DON'T EXPECT ANYTHING

Dear Santa Claus:

I am only eight years old and I have had presents every Christmas I don't expect any this Christmas as my papa is not working. So I thought how kind you would be to me if you would give me a pair of shoes and stockings and a sled for my little sister and now don't forget santa, Yours truly,

EDWARD BRODERICK.

Rear No. 207 Rutherford avenue, Charlestown.

NEVER HAD MERRY CHRISTMAS

Dear Santa:

As you were a father to all the children last year and the year before and many other years, I would like you to please be a father to me this year. My mother has been supporting us by washing for eight years. I was six months old when my father died, and that is why I have never had a merry Christmas, so please send me a few things to make me happy.

ROBERT GRAHAM.

WANTS A SET OF FURS AND A XMAS TREE

Editor Woman's Page:

I do not want dear old Santa Claus to be abolished for I want him to give my little brother and sister a nice present. And I would like him to give me a set of furs and a Christmas tree I am a little girl 8 years old and my name is

MABEL S. TAYLOR.

No. 31 Windsor street.

"HARD ON US CHILDREN NOT TO GET PRESENTS"

Dear Santa Claus:

I ridicule the idea of abolishing your coming. I know you will come this Christmas as you have all others before. Now, Santa, will you be so kind as to send me a big sleeping doll and go-cart for it; and also to send my little brother, who is five years old, a nice sled. It is hard on us children not to get Christmas presents. So please do not forget me and my little brother, Santa, for I still believe in you. From your little girl,

EVANGELINE GAGNON.

No. 49 Byron street, East Boston.

NOBODY TO HELP HER

Dear Santa Claus:

I am an orphan and live with my old grandma, and she is very poor, and there is nobody to help us to give me anything Christmas. I am ten years old and would like to have a doll. I would be so happy to receive it. KATE HENSON.

FATHER DEAD, MOTHER SICK

Dear Santa Claus:

Please don't forget us on Christmas. We are five children. Our father died twelve weeks ago, and we are left in a very poor condition. Our mother is sick in bed. Please don't forget us. MARY LARKIN.

Married to Mystery

Boston American's Thrilling Story of Present Day Life in Boston

Chapter CXX.—Continued

"YES," she said softly.

"I cannot see any hope—but then I do not know what this drug may be that he is evidently abusing. I do not recognize its effects, and from what you have told me of your own feelings I cannot diagnose it. I should think it must be some little-known poison that we doctors in this country do not recognize, but it is very evident to me that any opiate which can affect a man's appearance, as this evidently does, must be fatal to his life in the end. All the nerves of the face, as you can see for yourself, are involved in a peculiar paralysis, a paralysis which accounts, too, for the wasting of the flesh. He says himself that he has but a few weeks to live, and I do not doubt that he is right."

Big tears stood in Esther's eyes. She had not shown much emotion when speaking to Harold of himself.

They had been walking slowly down the drive. For a few minutes they pursued their way in silence, then, as the lodge came in sight, Esther halted.

"I must go back now," she said. "Good-by, Basil, and God bless you."

"God bless and keep you," he answered fervently, "for, Esther, you are my very life to me. And to love you as I do is no sin—that is my one consolation. I shall think of you always. I shall have no rest till I have heard from Mrs. Willoughby that all is well with you. She will write to me to-morrow?"

"Yes—I will ask her to write to-morrow."

He kissed her hand reverently and mounting his bicycle sped off in the direction of the lodge.

"I don't trust him," he muttered between his teeth. "She is in danger—I know it—and I can do nothing."

Esther returned slowly to the house, where she found Lilian awaiting her.

The lodge passed, the gate being opened for him by the surly young man whom he had noticed on his arrival, Basil slackened his speed, hesitating as to what he should do. He felt an aversion to setting out on his ride home; he had a strong impression that Esther was not safe, especially while she remained at Milton.

"Who knows," he muttered to himself, "what a man like that may not be capable of doing? He has got me out of the way, and now only has a couple of women to deal with. It is quite possible that he may refuse to go to Boston after all."

Basil did not know what he feared. He recognized only that there had been an evident intention to keep Esther a prisoner, that the servants were an evil-looking crew, and that the house itself had been given over to the pranks of some mysterious malignant being, with whom Harold was an accomplice, whether willing or unwilling mattered little.

He sprang from his bicycle and pushed it slowly up the hill in the direction of Milton, communing with himself the while. Esther had said that the carriage was ordered for 5 o'clock there was but half an hour to wait till that time.

"I shall not be happy," he told himself, "till I know they are safely in the train. There cannot be the same danger for Esther in Boston that there is here. I must wait and see them off—I can manage it without their knowledge." He turned his bicycle and made his way slowly back, for the road to the station was in the opposite direction to that which led to the village.

"If the carriage doesn't come, I shall know what to do." He set his teeth firmly. "I shall return to the house at all costs."

He passed the lodge gates once more, pedalling slowly. He was glad that he had come to this decision. At least, he would not return home with a horrible dread upon him.

For some distance the road skirted the wall that bounded the garden of the Borradale place, then it passed through the wood, which was of considerable extent, and formed what was practically a semi-circle round the house. Esther's own house, the Court, lay on another road that joined the main one at right angles, close to the spot where the wood terminated.

It was dark by now, and Basil once more alighted. His idea was that he might wait in the wood till the carriage passed—it could go no other way—and then follow at his leisure to the station. He lit his pipe, and wheeled his bicycle under the protection of some trees, for there was no fence at this particular part of the wood, and the public were allowed to wander about it as they pleased. As he waited—with all the patience that he could muster—he fancied that now and again he heard the sound of voices at no great distance from him.

Presently a figure approached on the road. It was that of an old man, walking slowly, and as he drew near Basil recognized the butler, West.

"Hullo, West!" he cried, and the old man halted.

"Oh, it's you, sir," mumbled West. "I didn't recognize you at first. My eyes are bad, and in this light I can't see much. I've been to the station," he added, "and now I've come back again. It wasn't no good. I was afraid of it—afraid."

"'Your master and mistress and Mrs. Willoughby are going up by some train about 6 o'clock,' said Basil. "I am waiting to see the carriage pass. It should be here by now."

"What!" cried the old man. "Are they all going? Then I'm blessed if I return to the house to be domineered over by that fellow Paul and the rest of them. I only stayed on for the sake of Mrs. Borradale. But what am I to do? Oh, Lord, what am I to do?" He wrung his hands in helpless despair.

"Go up to town yourself, as you proposed," suggested Basil.

"They've got their own servant there," muttered the butler, "and don't want me. But go back to this place I won't. I don't like it. I don't understand things. That Paul—I see him talking to the gypsies, a cut-throat lot, that have been banging round the place for the last three weeks. I believe he's a gypsy himself, and that it's him brought them here. I see him going down the road just now with one of them—they've shifted their camp and are just a bit farther down the road. You can hear them talking if you listen."

This accounted for the voices Basil had heard.

"There's a whole lot of them," the old man went on, "and a nuisance to any neighborhood, I say. At least six wagons.

"You saw Paul talking to one of them just now?" asked Basil.

"Yes. He saw me, and leered. He doesn't mind a bit what he does. How Mr. Borradale——"

"He must have left the house after me then," interrupted Basil. "I went a little way toward Milton before I turned round. I wonder what he's up to?"

"I don't know," cried the old man helplessly. "I don't understand things, and I don't know what to do. I think I'll walk on to Milton and stay with Mr. Cooper at the hotel there. I won't go back. I won't."

At that moment, just as Basil was beginning to think that his suspicions had been justified, the sound of approaching wheels was heard on the road, and almost immediately the roomy landau appeared. Basil sprang aside into the shadow of the trees, and the carriage passed quickly by. He had been unable to see the occupants, but, from the luggage carried, it was evident that the station was their actual destination.

Basil quickly disengaged his bicycle from among the trees and mounted. The carriage was driving rapidly, and he did not wish to be out-distanced. He thought no more of the old butler.

A sharp bend in the road brought him in sight of the gypsy encampment. It was on a broad piece of ground, from which the trees had long since been cleared away, and it stood back from the road. Another bend, a little further on, helped to isolate it. The carriage had disappeared round the further bend.

A fire was burning in the traditional gypsy fashion beside one of the vans. Five or six men lounged close to it.

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

Recipes

Mashed Potatoes with Bacon

Cut a quarter of a pound of bacon in small pieces, also an onion; put them in a saucepan on the fire, and when the onion begins to color add a pint of water, several branches of parsley, a bunch of thyme and a bay leaf. Add eight peeled and washed potatoes, cut in quarters. Cook till the potatoes are tender, adding more water if necessary; lift them out, free from all the garnish, mash well, moistening a bit with cream if it is needed.

Orange Shortcake

Make a rich baking-powder shortcake. While this is baking prepare the orange filling as follows: Pare the oranges, being very careful to remove every seed; chop fine and sweeten generously. Divide the cake, put a layer of orange filling in the middle, and cover the top of the cake. When serving, pour a large spoonful of whipped cream over each slice. Four or five oranges will be needed.

Dainty Cheese Fagots

Mix thoroughly together four ounces of flour, two ounces of butter, four ounces of grated cheese, a little cayenne pepper, some salt, and one egg. Roll out very thin, cut into little strips one and one-half inches long, put about fourteen in a bundle, twist another around them, and finish as if tied in a knot. Place them in a baking tin, and bake in a hot oven to a golden brown. Dish them on a napkin, and serve very hot.

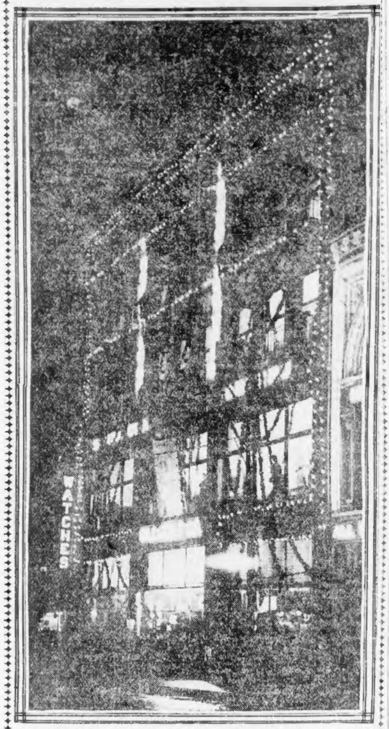
Chocolate Layer Cake

Beat half a cupful of butter to a cream, and gradually beat into it one cupful of sugar. When this is light, beat in half a cupful of milk, a little at a time, and one teaspoonful of vanilla. Beat the whites of six eggs to a stiff froth. Mix half a teaspoonful of baking powder with two scant cupfuls of sifted flour. Stir the flour and whites of eggs alternately into the mixture. Have three deep tin plates well buttered, and spread two-thirds of the batter in two of them.

Virginia Batter-Bread

Scald one pint of yellow corn-meal with boiling water, then add one tablespoonful of butter, two eggs, one teaspoonful of salt, one-half teaspoonful of soda, and enough sweet milk to make a little thicker than for pancakes. Bake in a slow oven.

DAYLIGHT STORE BLAZES WITH CHRISTMAS LIGHT



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Santa Claus headquarters are at Gilchrist's, the "Daylight Store." Every night the blaze from a myriad of incandescent red and white lights tells the fact to the thousands of Christmas shoppers who throng the streets this week, the last before the great day of good will and present giving.

The great Washington street front of Gilchrist's store is an immense square picture, set in a frame of a double row of red lights. The lights are arranged at the edges of the building, across the top and down each side. Then, extending across the entire width of the building, in the centre, is a flaming sign, "Santa Claus Headquarters."

The face of the building is festooned with long loops of holly and evergreen. Contrasted with the glare of the lights, these dark green decorations give a pleasant suggestion of Christmas greetings and good cheer.

The display at Gilchrist's is one of the finest among the many splendid electric Christmas exhibits in the city. Aside from its splendor as a spectacle, it appeals to one as an embodiment of the light and joy which came to the world on the day of which Christmas is the anniversary.

It also suggests, and even portrays, the stout, ruddy-faced, fur-clad gentleman who is to come racing from the North Pole with his reindeer, his sleigh filled with good things to gladden the hearts of the children of the world. That the little ones are to be well looked out for is assured by the throngs which Gilchrist's display is bringing to the "Daylight Store."

Older folks may look out for themselves and each other by visiting the store in person, leaving Kris Kringle and his reindeer to make Christmas a glad day for the children.

SAVE WOMEN AND CHILDREN

By Boston American Leased Wire.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 20.—A $400,000 fire, which in intensity and rapidity rivals any blaze for years, broke out in the business centre of the city last night. Henry T. Coates & Co., the publishers, at Nos. 909 and 921 Walnut street, lost their entire stock.

Immediately to the east of this building is the Irving House, a theatrical hotel, and the guests in this fled in panic. Women and men rushed out clad scantily. Several of the women guests fainted and were carried out by police and firemen.

DECLINES POST UNDER DOUGLAS

Edward B. Lewis will not accept appointment as executive stenographer for Governor Douglas. Mr. Lewis, for several years, has been stenographer for the speaker of the House of Representatives, and he will resume that relation with Speaker Frothingham at the next session.

Mr. Lewis was Mr. Douglas's stenographer during the campaign, and is now employed by the Governor-elect. Mr. Lewis is a Republican and feels that he ought not to seek an appointment from a Democrat.

THREE STUDENTS HAVE DIPHTHERIA

BRUNSWICK, Me., Dec. 20.—A third student of Bowdoin College, Harry M. Mansfield, '05, of Jonesport, has diphtheria. The other two men reported last night are doing well and there are no suspicious cases. The faculty have taken all precautions.

Protect your family. Make sure that money will be forthcoming for your funeral, if anything should happen to you. Life insurance to the amount of $100.00 will be given free to every reader of next Sunday's BOSTON SUNDAY AMERICAN. Don't fail to get a copy. Price, 5 cents, everywhere.

COLD WAVE ON THE WAY

There is a cold wave on the way and it is expected to arrive in Boston to-morrow morning. Its approach will be heralded by light flurries of snow to-night, but these will not last long, and the cold wave will bring fair weather with it.

For all New England generally fair weather is predicted, except in the northeastern part where snow is expected. All the southern and western sections, however, will have clear weather.

BARTENDERS' UNION RECOUNTING VOTES

A recount of the vote taken for president at the annual election of officers of Bartenders' Union was commenced to-day. Richard W. Garrity, who was defeated by John D. O'Brien by seventeen votes, contests the election.

NEW MAJESTICS AT THE PALACE

The New Majestics are furnishing the show at the Palace Theatre this week. They made their first appearance yesterday, and gave an entertainment that went well from beginning to end. The burlesques are entitled "In the Tenderloin" and "For Men Only." The olio includes the five Sisters Ballatzer, Farron and Fay, Harvey and Walker, the Sisters DeFay, Anderson and Wallan and Belle Wilton and Marie Barrison.

GOOD THINGS AT THE NICKELODEON

The leading attraction at the Nickelodeon this week is Mlle. Julene, one of the most successful snake charmers in the profession. Among the others in the curio section are Konkeria, the grass fiend; J. W. Coffey, the skeleton dude; Ivy Jeane, the school girl musician; Nora Gibson and Selim Sid.

BUSINESS NOTICES.

United Cigar Stores Retail System means Absolute Protection against Substitution

ENIGMARELLE A SENSATION AT MUSIC HALL

There is a good, all-round vaudeville show at Music Hall this week and it was enjoyed and applauded by two large audiences yesterday. The programme comprises plenty of variety, a number of old favorites, and one decided novelty.

The novelty is "Enigmarelle," a mechanical reproduction of a human figure, which walks, turns corners, sits down, writes its name on a blackboard, climbs steps and rides a bicycle. It is said to be controlled by electric motors, run by a storage battery and by springs. It is more or less taken apart by its exhibitor and portions of its interior mechanism are revealed during its performance. It excites a lot of interest and everybody wonders how it is done.

The leading old favorites are Sadie Martinot and Bobby Gaylor. Miss Martinot, assisted by George B. Baker, appears in a bright one-act comedietta, entitled "Winning a Widow." It is an entertaining trifle and is deftly played. Bobby Gaylor treats the audience to one of his old-time monologues, in that old way of his with which everyone is familiar, but at which everyone will go on laughing just the same so long as Mr. Gaylor continues to purvey his idea of things. He is one of the quaintest Irishmen on the stage and his funny way has made thousands laugh.

The hit of the bill is made by an aggregation of colored people who call themselves the "Watermelon Trust." There are two men and three women, and they keep up a rapid fire melange of fun and song and dancing for half an hour or so, and you are sorry when they stop. The men are clever and genuinely amusing, while the women, and one of them in particular, dance extremely well. Paul Stephens, the only monopedic athlete in the varieties, is a one-legged man who does a number of surprising things in the way of athletic feats and performs on the slack wire in a really remarkable fashion. Louis Montrose sings and dances, incidentally giving a number of imitations, and Mr. and Mrs. Start Darrow make smoke and sand pictures and give a very clever exhibition of shadowgraphs. "Ireland's Own" band will be the star feature next week.

THE LAST WEEK OF SOTHERN-MARLOWE

E. H. Sothern and Julia Marlowe began the fourth and last week of their engagement at the Hollis Street Theatre last evening with a presentation of "Romeo and Juliet." This play will be repeated this and Friday evenings and at the Saturday matinee; "Hamlet" will be given Wednesday afternoon and Thursday evening, and "Much Ado About Nothing" Wednesday and Saturday evenings. Next week "The Rogers Brothers in Paris."

STIRRING DRAMA AT GRAND OPERA

Hal Reid's melodrama, "A Working Girl's Wrongs" was the attraction at the Grand Opera House last night and was enthusiastically received by a big audience. The play is strong and sensational and tells a story of human interest, with humor and pathos excellently blended. The plot introduces new scenes and situations, among them a number of thrillers. The scenic effects are elaborate and include the interior of a large cigarette factory and a view of Broadway, New York, at its junction with Forty-second street.

Next week, "Tracked Around the World."

"COUNTY CHAIRMAN" CROWDS TREMONT

"The County Chairman" began the second week of its run last night at the Tremont Theatre. As was the case at every performance last week, the house was packed, and laughter and applause were continuous all through the evening. The company is a very competent one, and the impersonations of Maclyn Arbuckle and Willis J. Sweatnam will long be remembered. There will be a special holiday matinee next Monday.

MUST RESIGN TO TAKE OFFICE

Special to the Boston American.

LYNN, Dec. 20.—The appointment of William F. Craig as Postmaster opens up the possibility of more political excitement in Lynn.

The acceptance of the position of Postmaster necessitates the declination by Mr. Craig of the position of Senator, to which he was elected in November.

BIG PEOPLE AT AUSTIN & STONE'S

Titan, the Welsh giant, and Chauncey Morlan, the 600-pound gentleman from Indiana, are still the big features at Austin & Stone's Museum, and are big in more senses than one. They have proved very popular attractions. Other features are Mlle. Amy, who swallows swords and things; Big Fingered Joe; Nalon, the eccentric musician; Mme. Sanonka's troupe of Hindoos, and Mlle. Kolta, who performs on the trapeze. The stage show is a good one.

KNICKERBOCKERS AT THE LYCEUM

The Knickerbocker Burlesquers began a week's engagement at the Lyceum Theatre yesterday and made an immediate hit with the patrons of the house. The feature of the bill is "Riley's Speech," a two-act musical comedy, which is given in a sparkling fashion by a large company of comedians and pretty girls.

"Gray Eyes," the words and music of a new song—a 50-cent sheet of music—free with every copy of next Sunday's BOSTON SUNDAY AMERICAN.

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ROBERT HILLIARD AT HIS BEST IN "NO. 973" AT KEITH'S

Goes Straight to the Heart and Never Loses Its Grip for an Instant.

As an ex-convict and would-be burglar, a man whose very name has given way to a number, Robert Hilliard, the star attraction at Keith's is scoring one of the substantial successes of his career.

From a dramatic standpoint "No. 973" is one of the strongest plays ever produced on a vaudeville stage. It goes right to the heart, at the very outset, and never loses its grip on the sympathies for an instant.

There are moments, many of them, when your throat grows choky, and more than likely your eyelashes will be tear-laden when the curtain goes down, but you don't mind the choke and you're not ashamed of the tears.

You have been set thinking. Perhaps convicts and burglars may not always be the hardened wretches we are wont to consider them, and after all, nearly everyone has some good, somewhere in his nature.

Creeps Over Balcony.

It is into the dimly lighted library of Thomas Campbell, district attorney of New York, that "No. 973" creeps stealthily over the balcony. It is a charming room. From it a wide stairway leads upstairs. There is a cheery fire in the grate. Candles glow in sconces over the desk and on the mantel. Beyond through the crimson draped doorway blazes the brilliantly lighted hall. Outside, the balcony is bathed in the silvery effulgence of moonlight.

"No. 973," armed with a jimmy, with slouch hat pulled over his eyes, with clothes ragged and threadbare, hair unkept, face still marked with the prison pallor, has only time to make a swift and silent survey of the desk, before he is interrupted.

He slips behind the curtains as the District Attorney and a physician descend the stairs. The physician has been called to attend the idolized daughter of the house, the motherless child of Thomas Campbell, whose life was only a short time before endangered by a runaway horse, which dashed upon a group of children at play.

Too Frightened to Move.

Little Margery Campbell was too frightened to move, when a rough-looking chap, lifted her out of harm's way and catching the maddened horse clung to him until he came to a standstill. He was knocked down and dragged some distance, receiving a severe scalp wound, but when the police asked him his name, he replied "My name? I forgot," and shrunk away.

"I have sought for him without avail," the gratified father tells the doctor. "I want to find him that I may do something for him."

The doctor goes away, having written a prescription at the desk, and the father goes upstairs in response to the baby's call.

"No. 973" is at the desk instantly. He discovers the child's savings bank.

"Even the children of the rich have banks," he growls.

Faces Revolver Muzzle.

He pries open the drawer and takes out a package of banknotes, and then he looks into the muzzle of the district attorney's revolver. He makes an effort to fight, but the revolver stays the blow he would deliver. He sits down by the fire. He and the district attorney recognize each other.

The former had sent him up ten years before for manslaughter.

He explains that crime now. His victim was the man who had ruined his home. He tells of the parting with his little girl, of the awful years in prison, of the struggle for an existence since, of the shadow of his prison life which follows him everywhere.

"I am weak for food—for food!" he cries.

Then he curses a law which lets a bank cashier rob working people of their earnings and escape and which sends a poor man who steals for food to prison. On his knees he begs for mercy.

House Is Surrounded.

The District Attorney refuses. He telephones for the police. They arrive. The house is surrounded. He goes to admit an officer. "No. 973" tries to escape. It is useless. He is trapped like a rat. So he sits down to wait, seeing ahead of him another prison term.

Down the stairs patters the daughter of the house. She chatters away with the burglar. He wraps his ragged coat about her to keep her warm. Then she recognizes, by the cut on his head, her rescuer. She runs for her bank to reward him, but he refuses. He holds her close, he feasts his eyes upon her. It brings back the daughter he has lost.

"You are the first one who has given me a kind word," he says. "When I go back to that place the memory of this will be a ray of sunshine for me."

Thomas Campbell, having admitted the police, returns in time to witness, unobserved, the scene, so when the officer arrives he sends him away again.

"Your man has gone," he says. "This is a friend of my daughter."

It is all played in candle light. Not once does the audience see "Bob" Hilliard in full light, nor does it need to. He plays "No. 973" with a dramatic strength and a depth of feeling which does not require lime light to be impressive.

As I said before, he plays straight to the heart. The members of his company are adequate. Earl Ryder plays Thomas Campbell excellently, and June Pelton as his little daughter is charmingly unlike the average stage child. Fred Maxwell is the doctor, and Frank Drake the policeman.

Other Strong Features.

There's another one-act play on the bill, "The Little Mother," in which the three Smedley children have the leading parts and with their tenement home and drunken father they, too, appeal to the heart. Also they are clever and introduce some interesting specialties.

Fred Niblo as a monologist reels off yards of talk and gets a continuous laugh. Cole and Johnson meet with the usual enthusiasm and give some new songs.

There are three capital acrobatic acts, the Madcaps, whose dancing is remarkable; the Glinserettis, six of them, whose acrobatic feats make you gasp, and the Rianas, who give an astonishing comedy acrobatic act which goes with a cyclonic dash.

"Don," the clever little horse which counts and selects flags and adds long columns of figures, delights the grown-ups as well as the children, and there are lots of other good numbers, including Carlin and Otto, who do a Weber and Field act.

On the biograph screen, Lillian Lawrence, John Craig and Mary Young alight from their auto in San Francisco long enough to wave a greeting while the orchestra plays "Auld Lang Syne," and every one applauds.

Marie Narelle, Irish Ballad Singer at Keith's.

"PIFF, PAFF, POUF" AT THE MAJESTIC

"Piff, Paff Pouf" entered upon its second and last week last night at the Majestic Theatre. Attractive singing and dancing form a feature of the presentation, and the performance goes with a life and snap that might carry even a poor show to success. Eddie Foy, Alice Fischer and Robert E. Graham make a trio of funmakers that could win laughs from a stoic, and there are others associated with them who are almost as clever. The chorus is a pretty one and the pony ballet has made a hit.

Next week's attraction will be Richard Carle in "The Tenderfoot."

"POUSSE CAFE" AT THE COLUMBIA

"Pousse Cafe" came back to the Columbia Music Hall yesterday and was given a cordial welcome. It is one of the most catching of all the numerous musical farces that were first given by the late Weber-Fields organization, and is given with plenty of snap and go by the company at the Columbia. Gertrude Reynolds, who played the doll in the original presentation, has the same role. Ted D. Burns is amusing as Abe Stringer, Louis DeLange is laughable as McCann and Arthur Cole and Harry Warner make a good deal of their opportunities in the parts first played by Weber and Fields.

"HIGH JINKS" NOW AT THE HOWARD

Patrons of the Howard yesterday were given for a treat one of the best vaudeville bills that has been seen at this house in many a day. The leading feature of the show is "High Jinks," a pantomimic comedy, presented by Bedini and Arthur and their company of comedians, which includes Charles De Forrest, Barney Ferguson, John Mack, Lily English, Belle Belmont, Charles Gillette, Dave Couture and Harry Hearn.

SHERIDAN COMEDY AT CASTLE SQUARE

"The School for Scandal" was presented by the stock company at the Castle Square Theatre yesterday and a very commendable performance was given. Lillian Kemble appeared at Lady Teazle, and was really delightful, while Ben A. Field made an unctuous Sir Peter. Howell Hansel was the Charles Surface, De Witt C. Jennings the Joseph, Edward Wade the Sir Oliver, Lindsay Morison the Sir Benjamin Backbite, John Meehan the Sir Harry Bumper, Mark Kent the Crabtree, A. H. Van Buren the Careless, William Vaughan the Moses, W. C. Mason the Rowley, John J. Gerry the Snake, Ethelle Earle the Lady Sneerwell, Leonora Bradley the Mrs. Candor and Frances Starr the Marie. "Under Two Flags" will be given next week.

FIGHT FOR CHAIRMAN BOARD OF ALDERMEN

A spirited contest is on for the presidency of the Cambridge Board of Aldermen, three members having announced that they are candidates for the honor. They are J. Edward Barry, Michael H. Flynn and Edward B. James.

ZANGWILL PLAY AT THE BOWDOIN

Israel Zangwill's play, "The Children of the Ghetto," is the offering at the Bowdoin Square Theatre this week. It was given its first performance here yesterday and had a cordial reception. It portrays life in the Jewish quarter of London, and tells a strong and interesting story. It is well played by the stock company, and is handsomely and effectively staged.

Next week "Jesse James."

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BILLY VAN AGAIN A HIT AT THE GLOBE

Billy B. Van returned to his own again last night at the Globe Theatre and played "The Errand Boy" to an audience that completely filled the theatre and that, from its first vociferous greeting to the fall of the final curtain, showed Mr. Van and his associates, by every means in its power, how welcome they were. The enthusiasm of the audience was a spur to the actors, and the performance went in the liveliest fashion. "The Errand Boy" is a very amusing farce, but is chiefly worthy of distinction for the opportunities it affords this popular comedian.

Mr. Van and Miss Beaumont repeated last night their successful interpretations of a few weeks ago and made the most of every chance the play afforded. "The Errand Boy" will be given for but one week, and will be followed by the Hanlons' "Superba," which will begin its engagement with a special holiday matinee next Monday.

WILLIAM H. CRANE AT THE COLONIAL

William H. Crane, in "Business is Business," entered upon his second and last week at the Colonial Theatre last evening. The audience was large and appreciative and liberally applauded the artistic performance given by the star and his associates. Mr. Crane has given fine character impersonations before, but his performance of the role of Isidore Lechat, for depth of insight, finish and power of dramatic expression, surpasses anything he has hitherto done. Nat Goodwin, in "The Usurper," will be the next attraction.

"WAY DOWN EAST" FILLS THE BOSTON

"Way Down East" began its second week at the Boston Theatre last night before an audience that filled the house and displayed as much enthusiasm as if the play was a new production. "Way Down East" has obtained a strong hold upon the affections of the theatre-going public and attracts many as well who seldom visit a playhouse. Its simple, human story and its realistic country setting appeal to everyone. There will be a special Christmas matinee next Monday.

THE WYCHERLY MATINEE BILL

Margaret Wycherly presented a triple bill, consisting of "The Land of Heart's Desire," "Cathleen Ni Hoolahan" and "The Hour Glass" at yesterday's special matinee at the Majestic. They were smoothly given and were seen to much better advantage on this stage than at their earlier performances. There was an interested audience and the poetic value of the plays was thoroughly appreciated. This afternoon "The Countess Kathleen" will be presented, and on Thursday and Friday afternoons the triple bill will be repeated, except that on Thursday "A Pot of Broth" will be substituted for "The Hour Glass."

AMELIA BINGHAM STILL AT PARK

Amelia Bingham began the third and last week of her stay at the Park Theatre last evening, again presenting "The Frisky Mrs. Johnson," in which she was so successful last week. There was a good-sized audience and the efforts of the star met with hearty approbation. The play is a clever and entertaining one and is excellently given by Miss Bingham and her company. Next week's attraction will be Henry Miller in "Joseph Entangled."

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President Roosevelt's Dismissal of the Letter Carriers' Leaders

Is It Just? Is It Consistent? Is It American? Is It Legal?

Individual interest and activity in political affairs are by no means condemned. Office holders are neither disfranchised nor forbidden the exercise of political privileges; but their privileges are not enlarged nor is their duty to party increased to pernicious activity by office holding.—An order signed by John R. Proctor as president of the Civil Service Commission.

In his message to the Congress of the United States, Mr. Roosevelt warned men in the employ of the Government as letter carriers that they must not seek to influence elections of Congressmen. He said:

> *Especially is this true of those within the classified service. The letter carriers, both municipal and rural, are, as a whole, an excellent body of public servants. They should be amply paid. But their payment must be obtained by arguing their claims fairly and honorably before the Congress, and not by banding together for the defeat of those Congressmen who refuse to give promises which they cannot in conscience give. The Administration has already taken steps to prevent and punish abuses of this nature, but it will be wise for the Congress to supplement this action by legislation.*

The threat contained in the message has been made good at the expense of the letter carriers' leaders.

James C. Keller, of Cleveland, is president of the National Letter Carriers' Association. Frank H. Cunningham, of South Omaha, is president of the Rural Free Delivery Carriers' Association.

Both have been dismissed from the Government service by the President on a charge of insubordination, being absent from work without leave, and pernicious political activity.

The charge against these men is that they used such influence as they had to persuade American citizens to vote for or against candidates for office.

Letter carriers have been warned that they must not try to use political influence to better their condition. And, to emphasize the warning, their leaders have been dismissed from the service and deprived of their source of livelihood.

Mr. Shaw, United States Secretary of the Treasury, was very active during the recent campaign in promoting the election of a Republican Congressman and a Republican President, and in opposing the election of Democrats.

He was allowed to leave his post, to drop the work for which the people pay him, and to devote all of his energies to working for the election of his superior, Mr. Roosevelt.

Why is nothing said to Mr. Shaw about "pernicious activity?"

How does it happen that the Secretary of the Treasury has political rights and privileges which the President refuses to grant to a letter carrier?

Does the United States Constitution recognize any difference in class among voters? Suppose the letter carriers do ask their fellow-citizens to vote for Congressmen that will treat them more justly.

Isn't the entire Republican party a machine for the election or appointment of officials that will give big tariffs, comfortable laws, and convenient judges to the trusts?

Didn't Mr. Roosevelt allow his entire Administration to be made into a political tool to work for the promotion of his private individual interests?

How does it happen that members of the United States Cabinet can drop their work and become perniciously active to their hearts' content, without danger of dismissal, while humbler Government employes must be dismissed because they have exercised the American citizen's right to discuss candidates and, if able, to convert his fellow-citizens to his political views?

Mr. Roosevelt in his message speaks of the letter carriers "banding together for the defeat of Congressmen." How can they BAND TOGETHER to defeat Congressmen? In no Congressional District are there enough letter carriers domiciled as voters to influence an election.

If the letter carriers influence a Congressional or any other election, they must do so by persuasion, by laying their case before the citizenship and asking for support.

In other words, it is by the exercise of free speech and of proper persuasion that the letter carriers have sought to attain their ends.

Has Mr. Roosevelt decided to abolish the constitutional guarantee of free speech?

He talks in somewhat condescending tones of the American citizens engaged as letter carriers. He says that they are "as a whole an excellent body of public servants." That patronizing way of talking reminds us rather of an English Tory discussing the peasantry than an American President talking about voters whose servant he is, and to whose votes he owes his place.

The letter carriers of the United States are better than "an excellent body of public servants."

They are, individually and collectively, just as good men as any others, just as important in the eyes of the law as Mr. Shaw, or any of the President's personal boomers in the Cabinet. They are American citizens, each with one vote, and the right, which cannot be taken away from them, to influence properly as many other voters as they can.

Mr. Roosevelt tells these letter carriers that they must come before the Congress to ask for what they want, that they must come "fairly and honorably before the Congress" to argue their claims.

But since when has any American citizen been forbidden to appeal directly to his fellow-citizens and ask their support?

Which is greater, the Congress of the United States or the people that put the Congress in office?

Are the people, too, the body of the voters, "a very excellent body" of inferiors? The letter carriers have gone to the people because Congress has refused them simple justice repeatedly.

The letter carriers are aware of the influence exerted by the railroads; they know that one-third of the revenues of the United States Postoffice are paid to the railroads for carrying the mails. They know that the Government is robbed most outrageously through these railroad rates.

They realize that the railroads have argued their case before Congress and others so thoroughly that when the railroads are once paid there is very little money left for letter carriers and other real workers.

The carriers got tired of waiting for Congress to deal justly with them. They decided to go higher and appeal directly to the people. They have a RIGHT to appeal directly to the people. They always will have that right. And the President who arbitrarily takes it from them exceeds his powers.

Congressmen do not need to be protected from a conspiracy of the letter carriers. They can protect themselves. The man who cannot be elected to Congress except through the suppression of a working man's right to express his opinion had far better stay at home and work at something else than lawmaking.

Messrs. Keller and Cunningham, the letter carriers' leaders, are in Washington. People will be glad to hear that they mean to stay there and work in the interests of the letter carriers, in spite of the President's orders to the contrary.

The Postmaster-General is reported to have said that any letter carrier would be discharged who should be caught contributing to the support of these leaders.

That is a very interesting statement. The President discharges these two men to frighten and punish the whole body of letter carriers.

The men discharged become private citizens, and propose to look after the interests of those whom they represent at Washington. Thereupon they are told that any letter carrier who contributes to their expenses will lose his place and his income.

The letter carrier, according to the President's order, must not use his influence to better himself. And, what is more, if he contributes to the support of a man who represents his interests, he will be discharged for committing that "crime." What a pleasant contrast these threats and dismissals present to the Republican national attitude toward the trusts!

The letter carriers must not try to influence votes themselves. And if they contribute to men who work for them, they are to be discharged. They must not have representatives in Washington to argue their case and present it fairly.

But the TRUSTS can have their representatives in Washington—their lobbyists in the House and the Senate and the White House.

The President and the Postmaster-General, who forbid the letter carriers to protect their own interests, are well aware that the big corporations—the railroads that get all the money they want from the Postoffice—have got their agents not only in the lobby, but sitting comfortably in both houses of Congress, and on the bench as well.

The agent of a trust can be made Attorney-General, and then Senator. He represents eminently respectable industrial bandits, and not the miserable, unimportant "excellent body of servants," called letter carriers.

The letter carriers are at least as well entitled to be represented in Washington as are the railroads and the various trusts.

It is bad enough to have in the United States an administration that permits, without any check, lobbying and political corruption by the enemies of the social system.

It is intolerable that men who work hard and faithfully—men unreasonably underpaid and deprived of justice—should be intimidated and deprived arbitrarily of their right to speak, to vote, and to influence their fellow-citizens—a right that belongs to every American, and that he cannot be deprived of.

WOULDN'T IT BE GREAT

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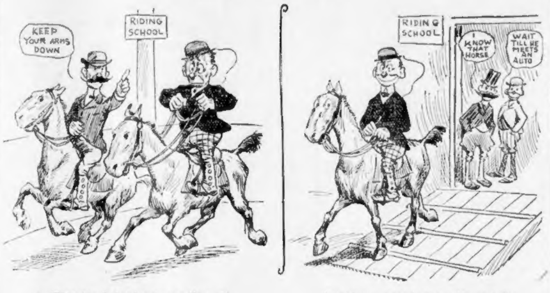


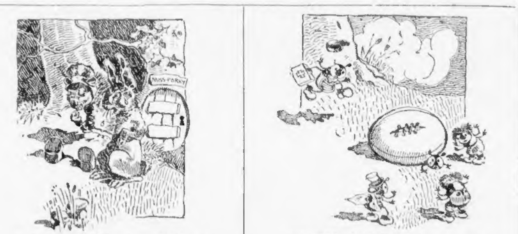
1—When you had taken two or three riding lessons

2—And you determined to ride past the house of your best girl to show her your new accomplishment—

3—If you could go by like this—

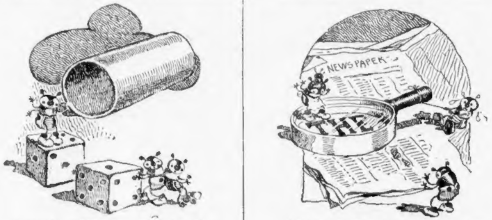
4—Instead of like this? Gee! WOULDN'T it be great!

IN BUGVILLE



CHARLIE RABBIT—Say, Gladys, I think you have a pin in your belt!

MR. BUG—Football ought to be suppressed. It's simply barbarous!



WINNING BUG—Hey, there! No fair cheating!

NEAR-SIGHTED MRS. BUG—Say; hurry up, John! I'm awfully interested in this bit of scandal!

NOW WHAT D'YE THINK OF THAT?

I am the agent for a scheme,
('Tis a tremendous seller),

Entitled "How to get ahead
Of John D. Rockefeller."

To every one who sends the price—
A dollar and a half—

I write—"To get a head of John
Just buy his photograph."

Mind Power Limitless

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NOTHING is more certain than that our destiny is in our own hands. If so, our responsibility is enormous. We must walk alone. Man has never had a trace of aid; all he has, he secured from nature by hard work.

There is one difference only between the savage and the enlightened. One does not know a solitary law of nature, and the other knows many.

The strange part of it is—nature does not care whether we find out one of her laws or not. No trace of sympathy, solicitude or regard for man has so far been detected in the realm of nature. Thus, if the sun should explode and liberate heat from within sufficient to destroy every vestige of life on earth, nature would not even have a qualm of conscience. Or if one hundred million worlds like the earth, all inhabited by human beings, should dissolve in fiery gas, nature would not know it, or, rather, miss them. This is like the war between Japan and China; many of the Chinese did not hear of it until peace had been declared.

The earth is so unutterably small that it seems to have been overlooked; that is, no information or help of any kind has ever been received from any external source. Our only hope, therefore, is within ourselves. We must be up and doing, for only a limited number of laws has been discovered so far.

Nature never gave a hint of the vast store of electricity waiting to be used; nor any idea how to use it. She gave us no inkling of the telegraph, telephone and dynamo. By weary toil alone man has secured what little he now calls his own.

But nature has given us almost limitless mental powers, and it behooves us to use them, and without delay.

Our destiny on earth is precisely as we make it. We can be high or low, and the moment it is generally known throughout the world that we can ascend to any height we wish, and that we must elevate ourselves, then it seems reasonable to say that a scene of unparalleled activity will set in.

Instead of murdering one another, the entire surface of the earth will be remodelled. Swamps will be drained and filled, and the deserts obliterated. The cost of war would rebuild every city on earth on known hygienic plans. Diseases would vanish, and poverty. For science can bring about a happy age, if murderers will permit. And they will give permission, for soon "honor" will be withdrawn from "killers," and then they will be ashamed and retire. The change is on now, for all thought of giving "honor" to Russian and Japanese murderers is vanishing among the cultured and refined.

It is probably safe to say that three-fourths of the world's literature is now obsolete. All metaphysics, speculation, philosophy, abstraction, superstition, myth, tradition and vagaries of nature are now so useless and senseless that they have no place in the new century. Books enough to cover a square mile are now fit only for making new paper. No up-to-date man now cares for anything unless it rests on a known law of nature. In the nature of the case, anything that has no foundation in natural law is useless.

It is highly significant that man in his rapid advance is rendering not merely books, but words obsolete. A general revision of the dictionary is now due. All dead words ought to be taken out of the living and placed in an appendix, as curiosities of mental evolution. Of course, a few copies of each dead book ought to be saved for the same purpose. Rigid rock-hewn facts and demonstrated laws only are of the slightest use now. For a myth will not build an electric railway; nor incantation or any form of superstition eliminate disease of body or mind.

Literary and linguistic debris is rapidly accumulating and the bitter waters that have so long poured into modern times from ages of ignorance are being sweetened by nature's laws.

We should all bear in mind:

First—Man must work out his own destiny.

Second—This destiny can be exactly as he desires.

Third—Man has power to exterminate all diseases of his body.

Fourth—And all diseases of his mind.

Fifth—Man has power to banish poverty.

Sixth—He has power to end war.

Seventh—And to banish hospitals, except for cases where accidents occur.

Eighth—He has power to banish crime by culture of mind.

Ninth—He can expand his mind so far beyond the present boundaries that comparison fails.

Hospitals, asylums for the insane, almshouses and prisons can be dispensed with. He can master nature by discovering all her laws. The question arises, will our great mathematicians be able to detect them all? For the future career of a man on earth is now in the clutch of mathematicians and electricians.

Christmas Bells

By Harry B. Metcalf

SOUND for us all the knell of selfish living,
Of petty jealousies and foolish pride;
Ring in the day of faith and of forgiving,
Oh Bells of Christmastide!

Of larger love and nobler thought the paean,
Ring in the day of peace that shall abide—
Peace to the glory of the Galilean,
Oh Bells of Christmastide!